

ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

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(6TH TO 12TH MEETING)

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SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES,  
TEHRAN, IRAN : SIXTH NOVEMBER 1976.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES (JAPAN).

3.1 The Working Group for Cooperative Fisheries in its last meeting held at Manila discussed the Report of the Conference and recommended several follow-up actions. Two of the recommendations on which follow-up action has been taken by the Regional Office are :-

1. Preparation of a book which could serve as a manual for primary fishery cooperatives.

The ICA Regional Office got an Expert to prepare a book entitled "The Theory and Practice of Accounting in Fishery Cooperative Societies" to serve as a manual for fishery cooperatives. This book is in two parts. Part-I attempts to give an insight into the fundamentals of double entry book keeping. A thorough grasp of part-I, it is hoped will facilitate the accounting staff to become fully conversant with the use of forms for financial accounting and controls. The part-II deals with practical accounting in three different types of fishery societies namely :-

- (a) A fishery society operating as a single unit in one or more areas.
- (b) A large size society operating through branches.
- (c) A society of boat owners operating in groups.

The accounting procedures explained in this publication are confined exclusively to the primary societies whose activities are limited to fishing and disposal of their catches as fresh fish. This book is now in the press.

2. Preparation of a book on Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea outlining the problems faced in their growth and how these were solved.

The National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea at the request of the Regional Office supplied material on fishery cooperatives of the Republic of Korea for the preparation of this book. The specialist in agricultural cooperation on his way back from the Regional Seminar in Japan visited the Federation and discussed the material and requested for further information on some aspects of fishery cooperatives. The federation has undertaken to supply them. The book will be finalised when this information is received.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES.

4.1 The Fishery Group recommended that as a follow up of the Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries training courses should be organised by member-organisations for personnel working in fishery cooperatives.

4.2 A Regional Seminar may be organised in Japan for the personnel working in fishery cooperatives to afford them an opportunity of learning from the Japanese experience. The participants could also visit the Republic of Korea and learn from the vast progress this country has made in the field of cooperative fisheries.

4.3 It is suggested that national seminars on Cooperative Fisheries be held with the assistance of ICA Regional Office in a few countries and that persons be selected from among the participants of these seminars for participating in the Regional Seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA.

5.1 On the recommendation of the ICA Technical Assistance Sub-Committee, a grant of £3,000 from the ICA Development Fund to the Sri Lanka Cooperative Fish Sales Union was approved by the Cooperative Development Committee of the ICA for the purchase of a mobile repair van and necessary accessories for the servicing of marine diesel engines. This grant was to be augmented by a grant equal to £2,000 by the French Fisheries Cooperative Movement.


5.2 In November 1975, the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NACOSIL) informed the Regional Office that since the Department of Fisheries in Sri Lanka was planning to provide facilities for servicing marine diesel engines the Council had decided to withdraw its earlier request for the supply of a mobile repair van and would instead like to have audio-visual equipment and a van for the purpose of training and educating members of fishermen's cooperatives and doing general publicity and propaganda in that field.

5.3 The NACOSIL was asked to send to the Regional Office a proforma invoice in respect of the approved items of audio-visual equipment and the van. The proforma invoice for a deluxe volkswagen van was received in June 1976 and its purchase was formally authorised in August 1976. The proforma invoice in respect of items of audio-visual equipment are awaited from NACOSIL.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR.

New Delhi  
22/10/1976.

  
Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, Working Group  
on Cooperative Fisheries.

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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES HELD IN TEHRAN, IRAN ON SIXTH NOVEMBER 1976

1. The Sixth Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Elizabeth Boulevard, Tehran, Iran, on 6th November 1976. The Chairman of the Group, Mr. Eddiwan, presided.

The following were present :

Members

1. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman and Member for Indonesia.
2. Mr. Irwin Hunter, Vice Chairman and Member for Australia.
3. Mr. A. Moghaddas, Member for Iran.
4. Mr. S. Taguchi, Member for Japan.
5. Mr. B.P. Faustino, Member for the Philippines.
6. Mr. L.M.V. de Silva, Member for Sri Lanka.
7. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia.
8. Mr. Bochana Sankarisha, Member for Thailand.

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (Publications) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA ROEC.

Observers

1. Mr. N.A. Kularajah, Councillor for Malaysia.
2. Mr. Supah Noh, Councillor for Malaysia.
3. Mr. Mak Kam Heng, Councillor for Singapore.
4. Mr. M. Kulasegaram, Councillor for Singapore.
5. Mr. M.R.B. Daswatte, Councillor for Sri Lanka.
6. Mr. Pradit Machima, Councillor for Thailand.
7. Mr. H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo.
8. Dr. N. Newiger, Head, Human Resources Division, FAO, Rome.
9. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education), ICA ROEC.

2. The Chairman said that the agenda notes had already been distributed to the members. He thanked the members for attending the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No.1 : ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

3. Mr. Faustino proposed the name of Mr. Eddiwan for the Chairmanship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aziz Ibrahim. Mr. Eddiwan was unanimously re-elected Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM No.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4. The minutes of the last meeting, the fifth in the series, were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM No.3 : FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES IN JAPAN.

5. The Chairman requested Mr. Gunawardana, the secretary to make a report. Mr. Gunawardana said that the report of the Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries was discussed by the Group at its last meeting in Manila and a number of recommendations were made for follow-up action. Action has been taken on some of them.

5.1 Preparation of a book which could serve as a manual for primary fishery cooperatives.

A manual has been prepared for the primary fishery cooperatives by an expert from Sri Lanka. It is planned to publish this manual shortly.

5.2 Preparation of a book on Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Gunawardana informed that some information for the preparation of this book has been supplied by the National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives. This information is not sufficient for the preparation of the book and hence further material has been requested.

6. The Chairman recalled the discussion at the last meeting of the Fishery Group regarding training facilities for fishery cooperatives and stated that the Fisheries Cooperative Federation of Korea may be persuaded to receive trainees from fishery cooperatives in the Region and that a training programme of short duration could be organised.

7. Mr. Gunawardana said that Fishery Federation of Korea may be persuaded to receive trainees but it might not be able to grant any scholarship for travel of such trainees. The travel expenses of the trainees will have to be met by the sponsoring organisations.

8. Mr. J.M. Rana suggested that the national movements wishing to send up trainees for training to Korea in fishery cooperatives should send concrete proposals to the ICA.

9. Dr. Newiger said that any such training programme or project could be sent to FAO for assistance but the proposal should be channelled through the government and the proposal should relate a specific training programme. FAO would consider such a proposal for assistance very favourably.

**AGENDA ITEM No.4 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES.**

10. The members felt that there was a lot to be learnt in the field of cooperative fishery in Japan and in the Republic of Korea and a seminar on this subject in Japan preceded by study visits in Korea would in fact be very useful and timely. The members from Japan could find out from their Fishery Cooperative Federation whether such a seminar could be held there.

11. Mr. Gunawardana suggested that the training programme in fishery cooperatives could be organised in Korea in combination with the proposed Regional Seminar on Cooperative Fisheries and that ICA ROEC could explore this possibility with the Fishery Cooperative Federation of Korea.



12. Mr. Togawa of IDACA stated that he was not in a position to commit any thing on behalf of the Fishery Federation of Japan, but he would convey the views and recommendations of this meeting to the National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives in Japan.

13. Mr. Rana stated that this matter could be discussed with the ICA's member-organisations in Japan.

14. The meeting recommended that ICA negotiate with the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative of Japan and National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea regarding this proposal and arrange to hold a seminar.

**AGENDA ITEM No.5 : FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA**

15. Mr. Gunawardana reported that this project had a long history. The present position was that from out of the funds that have been promised by France, certain equipment are to be purchased. The ICA ROEC has asked the Sri Lanka Council to send a second proforma invoice for the equipment they need. The ICA is awaiting this now.

16. Mr. De Silva informed the meeting that the proforma invoice for the van has already been sent to the ICA ROEC and that they were processing the proforma invoice for items of audio-visual equipment and would be sent soon.


**AGENDA ITEM No.6 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

17. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim from Malaysia informed the meeting that the Government of Malaysia had reviewed its earlier decision of forming farmers' associations and

fishermens' associations and have decided not to form any more farmers associations and fishermens' associations. ANGKASA had suggested to the Government to convert all fishery and farmers associations into cooperatives.

18. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried with acclamation.

New Delhi  
22/1/77



Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, Working Group  
on Cooperative Fisheries.

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SEVENTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES

BALI, INDONESIA : 8TH DECEMBER 1977.

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2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES HELD AT TEHERAN ON 6TH NOVEMBER 1976.
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  - ii. Preparation of a book on Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea outlining the problems faced in their growth and how these were solved.
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5. FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA.
6. FISHERIES PROJECT IN ZAMBALES PROVINCE (PHILIPPINES).
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AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES HELD IN TEHERAN ON 6TH NOVEMBER 1977.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES (JAPAN)

1. preparation of a book which could serve as a manual for primary fishery cooperatives.

The Fisheries Group of the sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for south-East Asia recommended at its meeting held in Manila, in 1975, that a publication which can serve as a manual to primary fishery cooperatives should be brought out by the Regional Office. Accordingly the Regional Office has got this publication prepared by an expert. This book is in two parts. Part-I attempts to give an insight into the fundamentals of double entry book keeping. A thorough grasp of part-I, it is hoped will facilitate the accounting staff to become fully conversant with the use of forms for financial accounting and controls. The part-II deals with practical accounting in three different types of fishery societies namely :-

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The accounting procedures explained in this publication are confined exclusively to the primary societies whose activities are limited to fishing and disposal of their catches as fresh fish.

2. Preparation of a book on Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea outlining the problems faced in their growth and how these were solved.

The National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea at the request of the Regional Office supplied material on fishery cooperatives of the Republic of Korea for the preparation of this book. However, this material was found inadequate for the purpose. They were requested to supply further information. So far this has not been received.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING  
IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES.

4.1 The Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries recommended that the ICA Regional Office should hold a seminar in Japan for managerial personnel working in fishery cooperatives in the Region preceded by study visits in the Republic of Korea as learning the working of cooperative fisheries in the above two countries would greatly benefit the fishery cooperators in the Region. The Regional Office had a discussion with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea and the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan. The Korean Federation has agreed to arrange study visits in Korea prior to the seminar. The Japanese Federation has agreed in principle for holding the seminar and has promised to give a final word by December 1977 after negotiating with the Japanese Government. The period <sup>of the seminar</sup> would be decided in consultation with Japanese and Korean cooperative Fishery Federations.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA.

5.1 The cooperative development committee of the ICA approved in October 1974 a grant of £5,000 (made up of £3,000 from the ICA Development Fund and £2,000 from confederation des organismes de credit Maritime Mutuel, France) to the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (NACOSIL). This money was to be used for the purchase of a mobile repair van for the servicing of marine diesel engines.

5.2 In 1975, the NACOSIL decided to withdraw its request for the supply of a mobile repair van and instead requested for audio-visual equipment and a Volkswagen Microbus, which was approved by the ICA authorities.

5.3 An order for the supply of a Volkswagen Microbus has been placed on the manufacturers in West Germany during June 1977, as the import licence for the same has been received by NACOSIL. The shipment of audio-visual equipment from Singapore is awaiting the grant of the requisite import licence to NACOSIL.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : FISHERIES PROJECT IN ZAMBALES PROVINCE (PHILIPPINES).


6.1 The proposal was discussed by a representative of the ICA Head Office with the representatives of the Cooperative Union of Canada at the ICA Congress held at Paris in October 1976. The representatives of Cooperative Union of Canada informally discussed the matter with the officials of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). It is learnt that CIDA has regretted its inability to provide the requisite assistance to the project, as they have now removed Philippines from the list of countries from which they consider requests for assistance. The president of the cooperative Federation of Zambales was accordingly informed.

6.2 The possibility of securing assistance for the project under the FAO Technical Cooperation Programme is being explored by the ICA Head Office.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR.

New Delhi  
19th October 1977

  
Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, Working Group  
on Cooperative Fisheries.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES HELD IN BALI, INDONESIA, ON 8TH DECEMBER 1977.

1. The Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries was held at the Bali Beach Hotel, Bali, Indonesia, on 8th December 1977. The Chairman of the Group, Mr. Eddiwan, presided.)

The following were present :-

Members

1. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman and Member for Indonesia.
2. Mr. Ali Hossain, Member for Bangladesh
3. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia
4. Mr. Vichien Inthachat, Member for Thailand.

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (P&PR) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA RO&EC.

Observers

1. Mr. Katsumi Sakamoto, Japan
2. Mr. Yasumatsu Miyake, Japan
3. Mr. Choi Ik Hoan, Rep. of Korea
4. Mr. Ha Yang Hak, Rep. of Korea
5. Mr. M.R.B. Daswatte, Sri Lanka
6. Mr. Wichien Sobhon, Thailand.

ICA Staff

Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education)

In attendance

Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director, ICA RO&EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. Mr. Eddiwan, the Chairman, welcomed the new members to the Fisheries Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3. The minutes of the last meeting, the sixth in the series, were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : Follow-up Action on Recommendations made by the Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries in Japan

4. The Secretary reported that a publication entitled "Theory and Practice of Accounting in Fishery Cooperative Society" prepared by an expert from Sri Lanka has been brought out and it is proposed to send a copy of this publication to all members of the Fisheries Group by the end of this month.

Preparation of a book on Fishery Cooperative of the Rep. of Korea

5. The Secretary informed that the information supplied by the National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea was not sufficient to bring out this booklet and hence further information has been requested. The NFFC has given some information and the ICA is trying to see how best they could prepare this booklet. The Secretary said that during the course of study visits in Korea by the participants in the proposed Seminar in Japan for fishery cooperatives more information may be collected. The representative from Korea said that the annual report of the NFFC has been sent to the ICA RO&EC. This report which gives information on the activities of the NFFC was distributed among the members of the Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES

6. The Secretary informed that the ICA RO&EC has been able to discuss this proposal of holding a training seminar for personnel working in fishery cooperatives with the National Federations of Fishery Cooperatives of Japan and Korea. The Fisheries Federation of Japan has agreed in principle to hold the seminar in Japan. They are now discussing with the government of Japan this proposal. The Fisheries Federation of Korea has agreed to organise study visits in their country.

7. The Secretary informed that the Fisheries Federation of Korea has already prepared a tentative programme for study visits. He said that the programme will be examined and if there is any suggestion to be made, ICA Regional Office would do that in due course.

8. The representative from the NFFC of Japan said that they agree in principle to hold such a seminar. His federation is negotiating with the government to obtain the necessary funds, but as the negotiations have not been finalised yet, they are not in a position to finally commit themselves. However, he was happy to say that it is very probable that they can organise this seminar in Japan. The reason for not being able to finally commit at this stage was that their financial year starts at the end of March and the next year's budget has not been



finalised and is still under discussion. They have approached the Ministries of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs. These two ministries have agreed but they still have to negotiate with the Finance Ministry. This will take place very soon probably by the end of this month or early next month. They very much hope that the government will approve the proposal of hosting the proposed seminar.

9. As regards the details re number of participants, content of the programme etc., it should be discussed later on. He added that the participants would be invited both from the government and the cooperative movement. Once the proposal is finalised, the government of Japan will contact, through the diplomatic channels, the respective governments of South-East Asian countries and invite to send participants from the cooperative movement. Since this approach is being made through the government channel, he thought that it will be important to ensure that the government sends cooperative personnel and not government officers. For this purpose, the ICA should also contact the cooperative movement of the respective countries in the Region to ensure that the right type of people are selected and nominated for the seminar.

10. The Group expressed its sincere thanks to the Fisheries Cooperative Movement of Japan for its generous agreement to hold the seminar and the Fisheries Cooperative Movement in the Republic of Korea for organising study visits.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA

11. The information given in the Agenda Note was noted. The Secretary informed that this project has been a very long standing subject in the Agenda and finally it is nearing fruition. The Councillor for Sri Lanka said that they have already received the vehicle. They are awaiting for the import licence from the government for the import of audio-visual equipment from Singapore. As soon as they receive the necessary permit, the ICA will be informed accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : FISHERIES PROJECT IN ZAMBALES PROVINCE  
(PHILIPPINES)

12. The information given in the Agenda Note was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF  
THE CHAIR

13. The member for Malaysia gave information re his participation in the Fisheries Committee meeting held in Hamburg this year. He felt the necessity of having a separate Sub-Committee on Cooperative Fisheries with secretariat in

ICA New Delhi. The representative from Japan welcomed the suggestion of the member from Malaysia as reasonable, but he said there is one practical difficulty in having an independent Sub-Committee and that is many countries may not be able to send separate delegates to the Sub-Committee meetings. He felt that the Group should recommend to the Regional Council for the formation of an independent Fisheries Sub-Committee. The Group decided to recommend to the Council the formation of a separate Sub-Committee for Fisheries.

14. Mr. Aziz said he has information that the Hungarian Fishery Cooperatives are willing to give assistance for development of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Region. The Chairman requested the secretariat to contact the Hungarian Cooperatives to find out what kind of assistance they could give.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

15. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

New Delhi  
27.1.1978



Lionel Gunawardana,  
Secretary, Working Group  
on Cooperative Fisheries

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AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, on 8th December 1977 have been circulated to all members. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES

3.1 On the recommendation of the Fisheries Sub-Committee (Fisheries Group at that time) the ICA Regional Office requested the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Association of Japan to hold a seminar for personnel working in Fishery Cooperatives in the Region. The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea was requested to arrange study visits for the participants of the seminar in Korea prior to the seminar in Japan.

3.2 The Fisheries Federation of Japan approached the Government of Japan for funds for the conduct of the seminar. The Government of Japan agreed to give funds but the arrangement agreed upon was for the Government of Japan to invite the governments in the Region to send participants for the seminar. The Fisheries Federation informed the arrangements to the ICA Regional Office and requested to advise the ICA member-organisations to approach their respective governments to get cooperators nominated to the seminar. ICA sent a circular letter to member-organisations accordingly. The seminar was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 17th September to 7th October 1978. The participants were nominated by the government of Bangladesh, Burma, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The seminar programme also included five day study visits to fishery cooperatives in Japan. Out of the 13 participants who attended the seminar 6 were from Government

Cooperative Departments and 7 from the Ministries or Department of Fisheries. There were none from the cooperatives.

3.3 Due to certain reasons beyond the control of the ICA the study visits arranged in the Republic of Korea had to be cancelled.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING A REGIONAL SEMINAR IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR THE PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

4.1 When the Fisheries Sub-Committee recommended that the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea be requested to arrange study visits in that country for the cooperators it did so because of the noteworthy development in the fishery industry in Korea. Though the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives was willing to organise study visits in Korea it was not possible to do so due to certain problems.

4.2 The secretary of the ICA Sub-committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia discussed with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea the possibility of their holding a Regional Seminar in Korea for Fishery Cooperators in the Region. They agreed to consider this request favourably and inform their reaction in due course.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : PREPARATION OF A BOOK ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES OF THE REP. OF KOREA OUTLINING THE PROBLEMS FACED & THEIR GROWTH & HOW THESE WERE SOLVED

5.1 As it was reported in the last meeting of the Sub-committee the information collected were not sufficient for the preparation of a book. It was hoped to collect further material during the preparation of the study visits that were planned to be organised for the participants of the seminar in Japan. However, study visits

could not be held and hence no further information was collected.  
If the proposal to hold a seminar in Korea materialise the preparation of a book may be combined with the organisation of the seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

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New Delhi  
2.11.1978

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Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, ICA Sub-Committee  
for Fisheries for S-E Asia

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES  
FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD IN BANGKOK (THAILAND) ON 5TH DECEMBER 1978.

1. The Eighth Meeting of the ICA Sub-committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia held at the premises of the Cooperative League of Thailand, Bangkok, on 5th December 1978. The Chairman of the Sub-committee, Mr. Eddiwan, presided.

The following were present :

Members

1. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman and Member for Indonesia
2. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia
3. Mr. B.P. Faustino, Member for the Philippines
4. Mr. M.R.B. Daswatte, Alternate Member for Sri Lanka
5. Mr. Wichien Sobhon, Alternate Member for Thailand

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (P&PR) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA RO&EC.

Observers

1. Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, India
2. Mr. Jirozaemon Saito, Japan
3. Mr. Yasumatsu Miyake, Japan
4. Mr. Rikichi Suzuki, Japan
5. Mr. Soo Moon, Rep.of Korea
6. Mr. Ik Hoan Choi, Rep.of Korea
7. Mr. Supah Noh, Malaysia
8. Mr. Pathom Thongravy, Thailand.

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Mr. Branko Zlataric, Secretary for Agriculture & Fisheries.

In attendance

Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director, ICA RO&EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. Mr. Eddiwan, the Chairman, welcomed the members of the Sub-committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3. The minutes of the last meeting, seventh in the series, were confirmed.

4. Mr. J. Saito, Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee on being requested by the Chairman made the following observations :

i. The fisheries cooperatives in the Region were very weak and were in the process of development. The setting up of a separate Sub-committee for Fisheries would assist in the pace of development.

ii. It would be of further use to get the ICA Committee on Fisheries to support the Sub-committee. He for one would lend his fullest support to get this Sub-committee recognised as a Sub-committee of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

iii. Attempts should be made to increase the strength of the Sub-committee by getting representatives from some more movements.

iv. That the Japanese Movement being an advance one would render whatever assistance it could both to the Sub-committee and to the fishery cooperatives in the Region.

5. Mr. Branko Zlataric, Secretary for Agriculture & Fisheries, ICA London, briefed the meeting about the proceedings of the ICA Committee on Fisheries at Copenhagen. He made the following observations :

i. The committee felt that there was a need to increase its strength and also to strengthen the secretariat in Tokyo or to make London the permanent secretariat.

ii. That it should increase its contact and collaboration with FAO as this may help, besides other things, in making available better training facilities for fishery cooperative members and functionaries.

iii. That they too had the problem of increasing their membership and the Chairman had found that by his travelling around and making general contacts he was able to achieve much in this direction.

iv. That it would assist in the formation of regional Sub-committees.

v. That it should publish a Fisheries Information Bulletin and for a start they had now planned to circulate an information letter from London.



Mr. Zlataric also mentioned another matter of some concern which the Japanese Movement was experiencing and that was that when training facilities are provided to developing countries in this field, all too often, the nominees were government officers and not personnel from cooperative societies. This is a matter which members of the Sub-committee would like to take action.

6. At the request of the Chairman, each member informed the Sub-committee about the latest developments in the field of fishery cooperatives in their respective countries.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES

7. The Secretary reported on the training seminar which was held in Japan. The suggestion for holding this seminar came at a meeting of the Fisheries Group held in the Philippines. The Fisheries Group requested the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations to hold a training seminar for personnel from fishery cooperatives. At the same time a request was made to the Fishery Federation of the Republic of Korea to organise study visits in that country for the participants of this seminar. The Japanese Federation negotiated with the Government of Japan and secured funds for the seminar. Finally, the seminar was held in Tokyo. One of the problems was that as the seminar was financed by the Government of Japan, the invitations to the seminar had to be sent to governments of the respective countries. The ICA ROEC requested the member-organisations to influence the selection of the participants so that persons from cooperative fishery societies could participate. Unfortunately, however, this effort did not meet with success. All the persons who attended the seminar were officials from the Ministries or Department of Fisheries or Cooperative Departments. The study visits in the Republic of Korea could not be held.

8. The Secretary informed the Committee that he had another proposal to hold a seminar in the Republic of Korea and that it would be possible to get advantage of the Korean experience in the forthcoming seminar.

9. Mr. Saito said that they would endeavour to hold a seminar in future in Japan when personnel from fishery cooperatives could be given opportunities to attend.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING A REGIONAL SEMINAR IN THE REP.OF KOREA FOR THE PERSONNEL WORKING IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

10. The Secretary informed the Committee that during a recent visit to Korea he discussed with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives the possibility of holding a seminar in that country for personnel working in fishery cooperatives. The Korean Fishery Federation was very receptive to the suggestion. They promised to consider the suggestion favourably and take a decision in due course.

11. The representatives of the NFFC present at the meeting said that they were not in a position to give a firm commitment. However, they agreed in principle to holding such a seminar in 1980. They requested that further details regarding expected number and type of participants and subject area to be covered may be sent to them by the ICA. They said that they would be able to give a firm reply by May next year.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : PREPARATION OF A BOOK ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OUTLINING THE PROBLEMS FACED AND THEIR GROWTH AND HOW THESE WERE SOLVED

12. The Secretary reported that this proposal for preparation of a book was made some time back. Some material had been collected from the Fishery Federation of Korea. However, on examination it was found that the material was not sufficient for such a book. It was now felt that the preparation of a book may be combined with the Regional Seminar which was being planned for 1980 in Korea. This was agreed to.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

13. Mr. Branko Zlatarić said that the Sub-committee should collaborate closely with the FAO and attempts should be made to influence the FAO to carry out programmes beneficial to cooperatives in the Region.

14. Mr. Saito informed the Committee that the National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives of Japan was considering secondment of a person to ICA Headquarters in London in order to strengthen the activities of the ICA. However, this was still at the planning stage and funds had to be found and the agreement of the Board of Directors of the Federation and others concerned had to be obtained. He said their wish was to contribute as much as was possible to the activities of the ICA and to the growth of the national cooperative movements.

15. Mr. Rana said that the numbers of the delegation in the ICA Congress from the developing countries were rather small. The representatives of the developing movements do not raise their voice sufficiently and strongly in the ICA congresses and result of that was that quite often the requirements of the developing movements were not known and were not sufficiently recorded into the work programmes. That was something that Mr. Zlataric referred to - something very relevant for our work and that we from the developing movements must raise our voice when our representatives were attending the ICA congresses or ICA committee meetings. Otherwise our interest would be adversely affected.

16. Mr. Haji Ibrahim felt that in formulating and implementing developmental programmes going through government was a difficult process because government had got their own programmes. He strongly felt that we should go through the ICA channel only.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17. It was agreed that the venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-committee should be the same as that of the ICA Regional Council Meeting and the date would be fixed by the ICA Regional Director when fixing the dates of the Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

18. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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New Delhi  
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NINTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA, KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA) : 20TH NOVEMBER 1979.

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FOR FISHERIES FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD AT BANGKOK.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 5th December 1978 have been circulated to all members. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

3.1 The members will make a brief presentation on the present situation of fishery cooperatives in their respective countries.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

4.1 As a result of a suggestion made by the Fishery Sub-committee the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Association in Japan held a seminar in Tokyo, Japan, in September 1978 with financial assistance from the Japanese Government. Invitations for this seminar were extended by the Government of Japan to the Government of the countries in the Region. The participants nominated for this seminar were all government officers. The Sub-committee discussed this problem in its last meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, and emphasised the need to give training to persons from fishery cooperatives.

4.2 The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations succeeded in convincing the Japanese Government of the need to ensure the participation of persons from fishery cooperatives in seminars conducted in Japan. As a result of this, the invitations for the 1979 seminar were sent by the ICA Regional Office to cooperative organisations in the Region. This procedure has resulted in all the 14 participants nominated being from the cooperatives. The seminar was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 2nd to 21st September 1979. It is expected that this seminar will be held annually and that the invitations will continue to be routed through the ICA ROEC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

5.1 The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives of the Rep. of Korea has agreed to host a Regional Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives in the Region in the first half of 1981. Arrangements for this seminar are being discussed. It is also planned to bring out a publication on the Fishery Cooperatives in the Rep. of Korea to coincide with the seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : PUBLICATION ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

6.1 Information on Fishery Cooperatives in the Region is not easily available. The Sub-committee may consider the possibility of bringing out a publication giving information on the present situation, problems and trends of fishery cooperatives in the Region. Papers on this subject may be contributed by the member countries in the Region as background papers and be submitted to the Sub-committee. It is suggested that such background papers be carefully prepared as they will eventually be published and will serve as a source of ready reference for those seeking information in this sector.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : TRAINING FACILITIES FOR FISHERY COOPERATORS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

7.1 The fishery cooperators do not get adequate opportunities for training in advanced countries outside the Region. If such opportunities can be found in countries like Norway, Canada etc. where fishery cooperatives are well developed that would be of value to improve the activities of the fishery cooperatives in the Region. The Sub-committee may consider the possibility of obtaining such facilities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : ROSTER OF EXPERTS ON FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES

8.1 The Indo-Pacific Fishery Commission of the FAO has requested ICA to assist them in compiling a roster of experts on fishermen's cooperatives. The purpose of compiling such a roster is to identify prospective experts on fishermen's organisations especially cooperatives who will be able to take up short-term or medium-term assignments or consultancies with the Indo-Pacific Fishery Commission of the FAO.

8.2 ICA Regional Office has requested the fishery cooperative organisations in the Region to identify suitable persons from their countries and send the names as early as possible with a very comprehensive curriculum vitae in respect of each person. We are thankful to the organisations which sent us some details. Some have already been passed on to the FAO. If there be any additional names identified, members are requested to send them on as early as possible.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 :      VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICA FISHERY  
COMMITTEE TO INDIA, SRI LANKA AND BANGLADESH

9.1 The Chairman of the ICA Fishery Committee, Mr. J. Saito, visited India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and had discussions with cooperative leaders in these countries. The Japanese delegate will report on the discussions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 :      ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 :      DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 :      VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

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MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD AT PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA ON 20TH NOVEMBER 1979.

1. The Ninth Meeting of the ICA Sub-committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia was held at the Board Room of Wisma MCIS on 20th November 1979. The Chairman of the Sub-committee, Mr. Eddiwan, presided.

The following were present :

1. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman and Member for Indonesia
2. Mr. S.P. Srivastava, Member for India
3. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia
4. Mr. B.P. Faustino, Member for Philippines
5. Mr. Jaya Herat, Member for Sri Lanka
6. Mr. Adul Niyomviphat, Member for Thailand.

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (P&PR) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA ROEC.

Observers

1. Mr. B. Krishnappa, India
2. Mr. R.S. Jayaratne, Sri Lanka
3. Mr. Teo Cheng Peow, Singapore
4. Mr. M. Matsuhira, Japan

ICA Staff

1. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, Regional Director
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education)
3. Dr. Dharm Vir, Joint Director (Education)
4. Mr. M.K. Puri, Joint Director (TA&T)

In attendance

Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director, ICA ROEC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

2. Dato N.A. Kularajah welcomed the members on behalf of the Malaysian Cooperative Movement.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3. The minutes of the last meeting, 8th in the series, were confirmed.



AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

4. At the request of the Chairman, each member made a brief statement regarding the development of fishery cooperatives in his country.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

5. The Secretary reported on the second Regional Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives held in Japan, invitations for which were sent by the ICA ROEC. He said that this activity was going to be an annual feature in Japan. There was some difficulty in getting the nominations in time for onward transmission to Japan to make arrangements for travel etc. In order to avoid last minute nominations, he suggested that the member-organisations may develop some sort of priority list of likely participants who could be nominated. The Member for the Philippines, Mr. B.P. Faustino, felt that this would be a very good method. The Sub-committee accepted the suggestion and decided that it be recommended to the nominating organisations.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

6. The Secretary reported that the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives of the Republic of Korea had agreed to host a Regional Seminar on Fishery Cooperatives in the first half of 1981. He said that he had an opportunity of discussing this matter personally with NFFC when he was last in Korea. He said that as there was an annual seminar in Japan it might be difficult to get sufficient number of qualified participants if the seminar covered the same subject area covered by the seminar in Japan. It was also pointed out that all the countries did not have fishery cooperatives and some countries had only a few. In this context he said that it might be better to discuss development and organisational matters in the seminar to be held in the Republic of Korea.

7. The Member for the Philippines, Mr. Faustino, suggested that this seminar be meant for policy makers or leaders.

6. The Director (Education) said that if we have two seminars on the same subject for the Region for fishery cooperatives in one year, it would be difficult to get the right type of participants and in sufficient numbers. He said that the seminar in Korea should have a different emphasis. One of the problems that had been mentioned in the Sub-committee discussion was that the fishery cooperatives had not developed very much in spite of so many years of cooperative development work. If this aspect was kept in view, it would be good if the theme of the Korean Seminar could be on "How to Develop Fishery Cooperatives".

The Seminar may suggest some kind of guidelines or strategies for the future development of the fishery cooperatives at an accelerated rate. Then it would be possible to get a different set of people. He suggested that participants should be from among the high level leaders of the fishery cooperative movements and also possible top government policy makers.

9. The Member for the Philippines, Mr. Faustino, suggested that the Korean Seminar be on the organisation side, how to accelerate the organisational aspect of developing on a faster pace the fishery cooperative activity.

10. The Member for Malaysia, Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, suggested that where fishery activity is relatively more developed participants should be drawn from fishery cooperative leadership, whereas in others where there was not that kind of developmental pace perhaps people from policy making in the bureau in charge of fishery cooperatives should be invited and thus get them involved in the fishery cooperative development. The Sub-committee generally agreed with the suggestion made and decided that the ICA ROEC should decide on a suitable title based on the suggestions made.

11. The Secretary reported that he had discussions with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan regarding organising study visits in Japan for this seminar. They have reacted favourably to the suggestion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : PUBLICATION ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

12. The Secretary said as there is a lack of literature on fishery cooperatives in the Region, it would be good if a publication is brought out on the situation of fishery cooperative development in the Region. The publication once brought out could be updated after five years. The ICA ROEC could develop a format with a brief synopsis which can be sent to the member organisations who could supply an article on their respective countries.

13. The Regional Director suggested that this publication should, in the first instance, be brought out in a mimeographed form and once a demand for it was built up it could be printed.

14. It was decided that the ROEC will collate information and decide later whether it should be brought out in printed or mimeographed form taking into consideration the material received and the cost of production.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : TRAINING FACILITIES FOR FISHERY COOPERATORS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

15. The information given in the agenda was noted by the Sub-committee.

16. The Regional Director said that by and large over the last so many years the fishery cooperative sectors and the Sub-committee had been concerned primarily with marine fishing. There was an increasing emphasis now on fresh water fish. Therefore, it may be desirable for the Sub-committee to study the aspect of fresh water fishing.

17. After discussion the Sub-committee requested the ROEC to explore the possibilities of getting training facilities in inland, offshore and deep fishing in developed countries for the fishery cooperators in the Region.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : ROSTER OF EXPERTS ON FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES

18. The Secretary requested the members if there were any additional names to be sent to the Indo-Pacific Fishery Commission that they be sent early to ROEC for onward transmission to FAO.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICA FISHERY COMMITTEE, MR. J. SAITO, TO INDIA, SRI LANKA AND BANGLADESH

19. The Chairman requested Mr. M. Matsuiro from Japan to make a brief report on the visits of the Chairman of the Fishery Committee. Mr. Matsuiro read out a brief note from the Chairman which is reproduced below.

20. "The present situation and problems faced by the countries and their requests to ICA Fishery Committee are as follows :-

- i. In these three countries which I visited, fisheries cooperative movement is lagging behind in its organisation and activities due to the low educational level of fishermen and shortage of funds. Although governmental agencies in each country are giving positive guidance and assistance, fishermen do not have much desire to join fisheries cooperative societies.
- ii. Due to the little progress in modernisation of fishing techniques, productivity of fishing is extremely low.
- iii. While there is a very strong desire to modernise fisheries industry, shortage of equipment for modernisation is striking and in addition, education and training of fishing techniques are insufficient.
- iv. Basic facilities for fish landing are not well provided and there is a problem in keeping freshness of fish due to incomplete distribution and processing facilities. Therefore, there is a great need for providing these facilities.
- v. Fishermen are raising funds required for fishing from middlemen at a high rate of interest, which brings an extremely heavy financial pressure upon fishermen.

- vi. In order to develop and strengthen organisation of fisheries cooperative societies, education and training for leaders are indispensable."

21. The Regional Director said that the type of visits the Chairman undertook were very useful and expressed the wish that he undertakes such visits to other countries also in future and keep the Fishery Committee informed of their problems so that it could extend possible assistance to the developing countries for the development of fishery cooperatives.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

22. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia, suggested that the Sub-committee should submit a memorandum to the forthcoming ICA Congress in Moscow on the needs of the fishery cooperatives in the Region. The Sub-committee felt that instead of submitting a memorandum an intervention could be made by a member of the Sub-committee at the Congress highlighting the needs of the fishery cooperatives.

23. The Director (Education) said that the intervention on behalf of the Fisheries Sub-committee could be planned. It would be very valuable indeed because rarely questions of this sector were brought up at all.

24. The Regional Director suggested that points for the intervention may be drafted and the consent of the members of the Sub-committee could be taken by circulation. Mr. Aziz Ibrahim undertook to draft the points for getting the consent of the members. Mr. Aziz Ibrahim would present these points at the Congress discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

25. It was agreed that the venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-committee should be the same as that of the ICA Regional Council meeting and the date would be fixed by the Regional Director when fixing the dates of the Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

26. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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TENTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR SOUTH-EAST  
ASIA, SRI LANKA : 13TH NOVEMBER 1980

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AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

1.1 A council member for Sri Lanka will welcome the members of the Sub-committee on behalf of the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING

3.1. The minutes of the last meeting held in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, on 20th November 1979 have been circulated to all members. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TALK ON "FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN SRI LANKA - PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS"

4.1 A brief talk on the following subject will be given.

"Fishery Cooperatives in Sri Lanka - Problems & Prospects".

The talk will be followed by discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : PRESENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

5.1 The members will make a brief presentation on the present position of fishery cooperatives in their respective countries.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES" IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

6.1 The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives (NFFC) is hosting a Regional Seminar on "Organisation and Development of Fishery Cooperatives" from 17th to 30th March 1981. Arrangements for the seminar are being made.

6.2 As suggested by the Sub-committee in its meeting in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, participants to this seminar would be drawn from fishery cooperative leadership. From the countries which do not have fishery cooperatives, cooperative leaders who are at policy making level and who might be able to initiate organisation of fishery cooperatives will be invited.

6.3 It is also planned to carry out study visits in Japan in collaboration with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations for one week for the participants of the seminar after the closing of the seminar in the Republic of Korea. The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations has agreed to organise the study visits.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

7.1 This seminar will be held in Malaysia in January 1981. The National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan has agreed to provide a resource person for this seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : PUBLICATION ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

8.1 The member-organisations are being requested to prepare papers on the fishery cooperatives in their respective countries. These papers could also be used in the forthcoming Regional Seminar in the Republic of Korea and publish subsequently.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : TRAINING FACILITIES FOR FISHERY COOPERATORS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

9.1 The Regional Office made enquiries regarding this. We received information regarding a seminar held in Hungary for fishery cooperators from the developing countries to get training in fresh water fishery. This information had been communicated to several cooperative fishery organisations in the Region. However, as the travel cost for participation in this seminar has to be borne by the participants there was no response.

9.2 The other information we have received from the FAO was regarding training facilities in Japan. As the members know through the generosity of the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan, the cooperators are receiving training in Japan through annual seminars.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : NEEDS OF THE COOPERATIVE FISHERY MOVEMENT IN THE REGION INFORMATION TO ICA CONGRESS

10.1 On a suggestion made by Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia, the Sub-committee decided that Mr. Ibrahim should make an intervention at the ICA Congress in Moscow to bring to the notice of the Congress the needs of the fishery cooperatives in the Region. Later a note was prepared by Mr. Ibrahim giving the points to be mentioned and the members consent was obtained by circulating it among them.

10.2 Mr. Ibrahim will report briefly regarding his intervention.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERIES COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

11.1 The Regional Seminar for Fisheries Cooperatives in South-East Asia was held in Tokyo from 1st to 19th September 1980 by the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan. Sixteen participants from 8 countries, namely, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Rep.of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand attended the seminar. ICA Regional Office collaborated by sending invitation and assisting in selection of participants.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.13 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM NO.14 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

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MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES  
FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD AT COLOMBO, SRI LANKA ON NOVEMBER 13, 1980

1. The Tenth Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia was held at the office of the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka, Colombo on 13th November 1980.

2. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim from Malaysia was elected as the new Chairman of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee recorded its appreciation of the services of the outgoing Chairman Mr. Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia.

The following were present:

1. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Chairman and Member for Malaysia
2. Mr. J. Saito, Japan
3. Mr. Sool Hwa Jeong, Korea
4. Mr. Seoung Woo Hong, Korea
5. Mr. Joseph Edward, Singapore
6. Mr. Tee Cheng Peow, Singapore
7. Mr. C.M.B. Bogollagama, Sri Lanka
8. Dr. Bunjira khatikarn, Thailand

Secretary : Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (P&PR) and  
Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA ROEC

Special Invitee :

Mr. M.D. Fernando, Secretary/General Manager,  
Sri Lanka Fisheries Cooperative Federation.

ICA ROEC Staff :

1. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, Regional Director
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education)
3. Mr. M.K. Puri, Joint Director (TA&T)
4. Mr. Per Eric Lannhagen, Specialist in Agrl. Coop.  
Marketing

In attendance

1. Mr. M. Yamaguchi, NFFC, Tokyo, Japan
2. Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director,  
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AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

3. Mr. C.M.B. Bogollagama, President, NCC, welcomed the members on behalf of the Cooperative Movement of Sri Lanka. He congratulated the new Chairman and said that his long experience would help the member movements in developing the cooperative fishery sector. He wished the deliberations all success.

REMARKS BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

4. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia said that the concern of the Committee was the small fishermen who were mostly the coastline fishermen. He was the most exploited and the most in need of cooperative support. At the Moscow meeting too the need to develop both marine and inland fresh water fisheries was emphasised. He also mentioned that even though Hungary had offered training facilities to a number of countries in the region in agriculture and fresh water fisheries, very many of them could not avail of that facility because of the difficulty of meeting the airfare. It had been suggested in the Fisheries Committee in Moscow that some kind of fund be developed with the assistance of the developed nations so that when the scholarships were offered, the concerned participants could seek assistance from such a fund to cover their airfare. He thanked the National Federation of Fishery Cooperatives Association of Japan and the NFFC in Korea for the continuing support they gave to the member movements by supporting ICA activities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

5. The Chairman, Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim thanked the Sub-Committee for electing him Chairman and said that he would do his best with the support of the members to improve the working of the Sub-Committee. He congratulated Mr. J. Saito on his re-election as Chairman of the ICA Fishery Committee.

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6. Mr. J. Saito said that the participation from the region in the meeting of the Fishery Committee was not satisfactory. Only two persons including him participated in the last meeting held in Moscow. He appealed for more active participation.

7. Mr. Saito informed the meeting that:

- (a) In order to strengthen the secretariat of ICA Fisheries Committee, ZENGYOREN (Japan) seconded a young expert in cooperative fisheries to the headquarter of ICA in London from September 1980.
- (b) The third seminar for fisheries cooperation for the South-East Asian countries was held from 2nd to 19th September 1980 in Tokyo, Japan.
- (c) The first issue of the Cooperative Fishermen's Bulletin was issued in September 1980. The printing cost of the publication was contributed by ZENGYOREN, Japan, and the fisheries organisations in Iceland contributed the postal expenses. The bulletin would be issued four times a year as an important means of "exchange of information". He appealed to the members to send information regarding fishery cooperatives activities for publication in the bulletin.

8. Entering into the age of high price of fuel oil and 200 nautical miles fishing zone, the fisheries all over the world encountered a significant turning period. Future fishery development in each country would have to concentrate on the development of both coastal and off shore fishing to make the best use of the ample resources within the 200 nautical miles fishing zone. From this point of view, the future role of fisheries cooperatives will become more and more important. In order to develop cooperatives in developing countries, technical and financial assistance between cooperatives on the international level was necessary. Mr. Saito said that the cooperators in Asian countries must have closer relations and cooperation with each other and wished success for the meeting of the Fisheries Sub-Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING

9. The minutes of the 9th meeting held at Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, on 20th November 1979 were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TALK ON "FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN SRI LANKA - PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS"

10. Mr. M.D. Fernando, Secretary/General Manager, Sri Lanka Fisheries Cooperative Federation, gave a talk on the subject of "Fishery Cooperatives in Sri Lanka - Problems and Prospects".

11. Mr. Fernando thanked the Sub-Committee and the ICA ROEC for having given him an opportunity to give a talk at the Sub-Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : PRESENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

12. At the request of the Chairman, each member present at the meeting made a brief statement regarding the significant developments in the field of fishery cooperatives in his country.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES"

13. The Secretary reported that the arrangements with regard to this seminar were proceeding well. Invitations had been sent out to the member organisations in the region. The seminar will be held in the Republic of Korea from 17th to 30th March 1981 to be followed up by one week study visits in Japan from 1st to 8th April 1981. The detailed programme for the seminar was being worked out. As regards the programme for the study visits in Japan, detailed information was awaited from Mr. Sakamoto of Fisheries Federation of Japan who had promised to draw up a programme and send it to the ICA ROEC in due course.

14. The participants to this seminar would be of policy making level.

15. The delegate from the Fisheries Federation of Korea gave a brief sketch of the seminar programme to the meeting. It was agreed to convey the gratefulness of the Sub-Committee to the President of the NFFC of Korea for organising this seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES  
IN MALAYSIA

16. The Secretary reported that the National Seminar for Fisheries Cooperatives in Malaysia which was scheduled earlier for January 1981 would now be held in February and that arrangements were being made accordingly. He informed the Sub-Committee that the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan would be sending resource person to the seminar in Malaysia.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : PUBLICATION ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES  
IN THE REGION

17. The Secretary said that the plan was to bring out a publication on fishery cooperatives in South-East Asia comprising papers that would be submitted to the forthcoming Regional Seminar in Korea. The member organisations nominating participants to the seminar would be requested to send comprehensive papers to be presented by them at the seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : TRAINING FACILITIES FOR FISHERY  
COOPERATORS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

18. The Secretary informed the meeting that a training course for fishery cooperators was held in Hungary but the travel costs of the participants from the region could not be met, the cooperators from the South-East Asian region could not make use of the facilities offered in Hungary.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : NEEDS OF THE COOPERATIVE FISHERY MOVEMENT  
IN THE REGION - INFORMATION TO ICA CONGRESS

19. The Secretary reported that as per the decision of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, the Chairman, made an intervention regarding needs of the fishery cooperatives in the region at the ICA Congress held recently in Moscow in October 1980.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERIES  
COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

20. The Secretary reported about the Regional Seminar for Fisheries in South-East Asia held in Tokyo from 1st to 19th September 1980. This had become an annual event where ICA ROEC collaborates with the Japanese Movement in inviting and in selecting the participants. The Secretary said that the participants were all from cooperative organisations. The Chairman suggested that the possibility of organising study visits for participants of the seminar in Korea should be explored by the ICA.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING  
OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

21. It was agreed that the venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee should be in the same venue and precede the Regional Council meeting.

22. The Regional Director informed the meeting that the venue had been fixed as Seoul, Republic of Korea, and that the meeting would be held in October 1981.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

23. With a vote of thanks to the chair, the meeting came to a close.

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Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, ICA Sub-Committee  
for Fisheries for S-E Asia

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ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR S-E ASIA

SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA : 28TH OCTOBER 1981

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2. Recommendations of the ICA Regional Seminar on "Organisation and Development of Fishery Cooperatives", Seoul, Republic of Korea : 17th to 30th March 1981.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

1.1 A Council Member for the Republic of Korea will welcome the members of the Sub-committee on behalf of the Cooperative Movement of the Republic of Korea.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 13th November 1980 have been circulated to all members. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : TALK ON "FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA - PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS".

4.1 A brief talk on the following subject will be given :

"Fishery Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea - Problems and Prospects".

The talk will be followed by a discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : PRESENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

5.1 The members will make a brief presentation on the present position of fishery cooperatives in their respective countries. Members are requested to circulate a brief written report at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES" IN THE REP. OF KOREA - CONSIDERATION OF SEMINAR RECOMMENDATIONS.

6.1 A fifteen-day Regional Seminar from 17th to 30th March 1981 on "Organisation and Development of Fishery Cooperatives" was held in Seoul by the ICA ROEC in collaboration with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives (NFFC) of the Republic of Korea. The NFFC were the hosts of this seminar and all local costs inclusive of board and lodging and study tour were borne by the NFFC. While in Korea the participants had an opportunity to visit several fishing centres, cooperative fish markets and

field level primary cooperative fishery societies. Some of the aspects that were studied during the field visits were : member relations programmes, infrastructure facilities to support the supply and marketing activities of primary cooperatives, various methods used in auctions of fish, fish market management and control, fresh water fish culture- especially, carp and eel and supporting services of NFFC vis-a-vis member societies. These were supplemented by study visits in Japan to several fishery cooperatives in Japan which included inland fishery cooperatives and also study visits to cooperative and other wholesale fish markets. The study visits in Japan were arranged in collaboration with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations (ZENGYOREN) of Japan.

## 6.2 Objectives

The main objectives of the seminar were :

- i. To review the present state of fishery cooperatives in the Region,
- ii. To discuss managerial problems of fishery cooperatives and suggest ways of improving their activities,
- iii. To study the working of fishery cooperatives in the Republic of Korea and Japan,
- iv. To discuss ways and means of organisation and development of fishery cooperatives in countries/areas where such societies do not exist.

6.3 A copy of the recommendations of the seminar is enclosed.

## AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

7.1 A national seminar for fishery cooperatives was held in Malaysia by the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre for South-East Asia in collaboration with ANGKASA from 23rd to 27th February 1981. Chairmen, Members of Board of Directors and Managers of cooperative fishery societies attended the seminar. Three participants from the seminar were selected to attend the Regional Seminar on "Organisation and Development of Fishery Cooperatives" in the Republic of Korea.



AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERIES COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

8.1 The Regional Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives for South-East Asian Countries was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 7th to 26th September 1981 by the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan. Fifteen participants from 9 countries, namely, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand will be attending the seminar. The ICA Regional Office collaborated by sending out the invitations and by assisting in the selection of participants.

8.2 ICA Regional Office discussed with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in the Republic of Korea the proposal of the Sub-committee that the Federation should be requested in association with ICA Regional Office to organise study visits for the participants of the annual fishery seminar in Japan. The Federation has agreed to consider the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : STUDY ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

9.1 ICA Regional Office plans to carry out a study on Better Living Activities in fishery cooperatives in Japan during the current year. The report of the study will be made available to the fishery cooperatives in the Region. The Sub-committee may consider ways of introducing Better Living Activities in Fishery Cooperatives.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ICA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
ON  
"ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES"

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SEOUL (KOREA) : MARCH 17-30, 1981

A. Present Situation

1.1 Fishery occupies a significant place in the national economy of the participating countries except Nepal which is a landlocked country. Fishing industry in Korea is highly developed. The potentiality of growth elsewhere is immense in the field of coastal and deep sea fishing and inland fishery. In Nepal, the scope of development of inland fisheries is wide.

1.2 Fish as a food item is valuable. In the context of rising population and the need for augmenting food availability and nutrients, special attention needs to be paid to better exploitation of this natural resource.

1.3 A substantial proportion of the population has been traditionally engaged in fishing industry. To many of them, it is the only source of livelihood. Fishing is also an occupation for the fishermen community. Fishermen are part-time farmers also and they belong to the poorest sections of the society. As a community, fishermen in Korea have, however, a relatively higher level of income.

1.4 Fishery cooperatives or cooperative societies of fishermen have been in operation in various forms and with varying degree of efficiency in countries like India and Sri Lanka for over quarter of a century. During the last decade progress has also been registered in Fiji, Malaysia, Korea and Thailand. In all these countries, a network of fisheries cooperatives exists. With the exception of Korea, the fisheries cooperative structure of other countries is however weak. In Nepal, efforts are being made to provide some of the fish production inputs through the general multipurpose cooperative societies.

1.5 The experience so far gained in the region and elsewhere highlights the need for promoting, developing and strengthening fisheries cooperatives as an economic and social necessity. Cooperation in the fishing industry cannot be considered in isolation. It has to be initiated and developed as an integral part of the agricultural economy and the fishery industry within the framework of the economic development plans of the respective countries. Fisheries cooperatives can also be treated as a measure against the growing menace of water and environment pollutions, and indiscriminated catches of fish by greedy and impatient individual fishermen. They can play a major role in raising the level of fish production and in expansion of aquaculture on a larger scale. In particular, fisheries cooperatives would improve the ability and capacity of fishermen to increasingly undertake deep sea fishing as an economic proposition and not to hand on close to coastal fishing despite of it being unremunerative.

## B. Recommendations

### 1. Essential Pre-requisites

1.1 A national survey of fisheries should be made bringing out the extent of fisheries resources, potential for its exploitation, classification of marine fishing, zoning of coastal fishing areas, and inland fishing. The results of the survey

may be widely circulated in popular terms among the fishermen, cooperatives and other allied agencies to enable them to have a better appreciation of this important national resource.

1.2 A long-term agro-fisheries policy should be laid down for guidance. It should specifically define the role of cooperatives in fisheries development. Besides encouraging cooperatives of fishermen as a matter of policy, the type and quantum of financial and technical support to be provided may be guaranteed and made available.

1.3 The administrative regulations and procedures may have to be suitably oriented to aid expeditious growth of fisheries cooperatives. The governmental machinery would have to provide the much needed guidance in matters relating to fish production, technology and management to fishermen cooperatives. In building up of infrastructures, trawlers, cold storage and ice plants and marketing facilities, capital would have to be provided by the governmental agencies on liberal terms.

1.4 Reservation of sea fishing on territorial basis, protection unhealthy competition of private trade and preference in leasing out the inland fishing areas would have to be the basic consideration at the present level of fisheries cooperative development. These should, however, not lead to heavy dependence on government, curbing the initiative of fisheries cooperatives and weakening their competitive ability.

1.5 Manpower development is crucial to fisheries cooperative efficiency and growth. This would call for an in-built special personnel management efforts at all levels so that they are able to manage the institution and provide the needed leadership in matters relating to fishing science and technology, fishing industry, fisheries economy, fisheries cooperative management and the welfare of fishermen.

1.6 The cooperative movement in general and the fisheries cooperative structure in particular must be aware of their respective responsibilities toward fisheries cooperative societies and actively cooperate for the coordinated and even integrated development of agro-fisheries activities in the cooperative sector.

## 2. Fisheries Cooperative Organisation

2.1 In the strategy of fisheries cooperative development, the following may be kept in view:-

- (a) Individual fishermen may be organised into viable groups on cooperative lines at the local level to undertake inland fishing and coastal fishing activities. Their credit and supply needs may either be met by the fishery society or by the general cooperative institution operating in the area.
- (b) Deep sea fishing has to be undertaken by a larger or higher level fisheries cooperatives.
- (c) Specialised fisheries cooperative for marketing, processing etc. may have to be set up as these are high technology and risk and capital investment activities.

2.2 Formation of a cooperative in new areas should precede intensive extension programme of pre-cooperative stage. The transformation of a pre-cooperative group into a cooperative society should not, however, take a long period and its completion should be a time-bound programme. The extension worker charged with this responsibility should assist and guide the society for a few years initially in its management.

2.3 In evolving a structure, the size of the country, level of cooperative development and economic and operational requirements of fishing industry may have to be the major guiding factors. While the primary and national level organisations would be necessary, a careful study of the situation should precede the decision to promote intermediary/secondary cooperative organisation. Even with regard to the

establishment of primary societies, it should be critically examined as to whether to begin with a branch of the national federation would not be more economic and efficient agency to handle the work.

2.4 The government as a promoter and a lead agency for provision of seed capital and other essential resources would be expected to come forward in a big way to help organisation and effective functioning of fisheries cooperatives.

### 3. Production Management

3.1 Each Cooperative should have a minimum target of catches during a year. The target should be determined keeping in view the weather conditions and different major species of fish. The achievements should be constantly reviewed and timely measures for tackling emergent problems taken.

3.2 Care should be taken to ensure that tender/immature fish is not caught and if done, it should be released to gain maturity. A conscious programme of production/pisciculture should be followed by inland fisheries cooperatives and to the extent possible by the coastal fisheries cooperatives.

3.3 Mechanisation and modernisation of fishing boats, increasing use of adequately equipped trawlers and inshore and offshore facilities for proper preservation of catches would be necessary to increase the level of fish production.

3.4 Right type of fishing gears particularly nets, high powered engines, adequate supply of diesel etc. at reasonable price and through dependable sources would improve the efficiency and economise the cost of production efforts.

3.5 Incentives to fishermen should be provided for deep sea fishing in the form of adequate remuneration, personal insurance and family care programmes. The possibility of "catch insurance" may be examined and introduced where possible.

3.6 Support price scheme to ensure reasonable price for catches of selected varieties and as a measure to bring about price stability would go a long way in this regard.

3.7 Study of the types of fish and other sea-foods available in the zone and commanding better demand should be undertaken by exploratory missions of the national federation or government and its findings made known to all concerned without undue delays.

3.8 Introduction of appropriate and modern technology should receive priority attention by the promoting as well as the implementing cooperatives. Care should, however, be taken to ensure in advance that the concerned cooperative has the required competence to adopt it and the change over would not upset the economic status of the organisation even in the short run.

3.9 Acquaculture should be introduced as an integral part of the production programme of the fisheries cooperatives.

#### 4. Marketing Arrangements

4.1 Organised and regulated marketing arrangements to cater to the special needs of fisheries cooperatives is almost totally absent in many countries. At the wholesale and retail level of marketing of fish traditional methods and practices are still in vogue. The private trade and middlemen have completely controlled it to their advantage. Cooperatives are weak competitors in the market and they have yet to enter export trade in a regular manner.

4.2 Market intelligence services are not readily available to cooperatives, and hence they are not aware of the current trends of fish prices, demand and availability. In a sense, fish market is a buyers' market. Introduction of open auction system has been found advantageous to fishermen and it has eliminated a variety of malpractices. Commission agents who act as 'Bidders' are important link in the trade between the seller and the buyer. In course of time, fishermen marketing cooperatives

should be in a position to establish direct trade relations between the producer fishermen and the fish trader.

4.3 The cooperatives have not been playing a noticeable role in the retail distribution of fish. Fishermen cooperatives may open retail points in selected centres to act as price pace-setter as also for market intervention agency to safeguard the interests of producers as well as consumers. Consumers cooperatives may also be encouraged to deal in fish as well. Survey of domestic consumer preferences and measures for developing taste for new varieties of fish would be necessary.

4.4 Establishment of a well equipped marketing division in the national level fishermen cooperative organisation is an essential prerequisite for reinforcing the marketing set-up and making it dynamic.

4.5 Compulsory marketing of fish at the market centre within the framework of the prescribed government regulations may be introduced. A net work of market centres in the cooperative sector and operating under government guidance should be established. Grading, storage and transportation facilities should also be provided under the aegis of the market centre.

## 5. Processing Facilities

5.1 Processing facilities for longer preservation, better marketability, meeting table needs and exports would be desirable. These may have to be introduced in phases. Whether processing facilities should be an adjunct of marketing arrangements or provided through a separate cooperative would have to be gone into carefully before embarking upon the project. In view of the consideration that fish is a highly perishable commodity, and setting up of a processing plant would be a capital intensive project, it would be advisable to establish it as a cooperatively owned project with independent identity.



## 6. Insurance of Fishermen

6.1 The element of high risks involved in the case of marine fishermen requires introduction of a fishermen's insurance scheme in the form of a group insurance scheme as a social security measure. It has made a salutary impact on the fisheries cooperative movements of the countries which have adopted the insurance scheme. The scheme may be entrusted to the national federation of fisheries cooperatives for implementation with full government support.

## 7. Tax Concessions

7.1 Fisheries cooperatives serve a social purpose as well. Experience shows that tax concessions in regard to procurement of fishing gears, acquisition of facilities and incomes would be a necessary support to fishermen's cooperative development. In course of time, these would help in strengthening their competitive ability.

## 8. Administrative Coordination

8.1 Fisheries cooperatives are under the administrative control of either the Fishery Department or Cooperative Department. At times the respective jurisdiction and responsibilities of the two departments are not well defined resulting in dual control. There are other departments of the government like Agriculture, Irrigation and other law enforcing departments concerned with fisheries cooperatives. A proper coordination among these departments is often lacking. The feasibility of a central advisory and coordinating body for the purpose may be examined.

8.2 There is also the need for orientation in cooperation of the officers of fisheries department and in fisheries science and technology of the officers of cooperative department for better appreciation of the management issues involved.

## 9. Legislative Measures

9.1 The fisheries cooperatives are regulated usually under the provisions of the cooperative societies act. These are being found inadequate for the healthy growth of these cooperatives. In some countries, either special provisions regarding fisheries cooperatives have been added to the cooperative societies act or even a separate Fisheries Cooperative Societies Act has been enacted. The feasibility and desirability of having separate legislation for each type of cooperative activity is not unequivocally recognised. This process has even been reversed in some cases. Moreover such a measure would tend to become more restrictive in nature. A Cooperative Societies Act should be all pervasive and enabling in nature so that voluntarism and members' initiative in management is fostered in the normal course.

## 10. Education and Training

10.1 Education of fishermen as individual fishermen, as a cooperator and as a cooperative leader has to be imparted on a priority basis. This would call for basic education, knowledge of fishery science and technology, information on economics and cooperation, and skill and technicality of cooperative management. The education could be more effectively provided in an informal manner and through functional technique. Increasing use of audio-visual aid as educational entertainment would be necessary. The special scheme of education recently introduced in India and as briefly explained in the paper presented by the Resource person has some useful lessons to offer. It, however, needs to be better equipped. Guidance from higher level fisheries cooperatives may have to be provided on a planned basis.

10.2 Education of members at leadership level along with programmes for education for family budgeting, better living activities etc. for fishermen families should be arranged. A regular system of public information would also be necessary for the healthy growth of fisheries cooperatives.

10.3 Training of employees of fisheries cooperatives and government officials is an essential input for the healthy growth of cooperatives. The training needs of each category of personnel may be assessed and suitable programmes developed for induction training, retraining and orientation. Fisheries science and technology, economics, management and cooperation with reference to fisheries cooperatives should be major subjects of training. Training should be practical and forward looking.

10.4 A special training set up in the form of a fisheries cooperative training institute may be set up either by the fisheries cooperative structure or by the general cooperative training network. The fisheries centres established by the government may be suitably strengthened to provide facilities for orientation in cooperation and similarly the cooperative training colleges should remodel their syllabi to include suitable instruction on fishery science and technology.

10.5 There is lack of useful literature, educational material and training aids on fisheries cooperatives. Films on the subject are also needed. Above all, training of educators and trainers continues to be a neglected sector of activity. No doubt, these have to be taken care of by the respective countries, with the present level of development availability of resources, the gaps in this regard could be abridged with active and generous support of the advanced fisheries cooperative movement and international agencies.

10.6 Exchange of instructors and managerial and technical personnel among the countries in the region would considerably contribute to development of personnel efforts.

10.7 The Research Department of the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives, Korea, may bring out a comprehensive book on organisation, operation and management of fisheries cooperatives in Korea in English for the benefit of others.

11 Follow up Action at International Level

11.1 A team of expert consultants on fisheries cooperative education and training may be constituted to suggest measures for evolving and strengthening the arrangements with reference to each country in the region and to draft a model education and training guide. The team may be appointed by the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre with suitable support from the fisheries cooperative movements of Japan and Korea.

11.2 The first Regional Seminar on Organisation and Development of Fishery Cooperatives held in Seoul in March 1981 has been extremely useful to the participants. Such a seminar may be organised at least once in two years in different countries. Fisheries institutes may also be invited to participate.

11.3 A special fund to be operated by the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre may be created with donations from the various fisheries cooperative movements for production of literature, films and other educational materials on the subject. Assistance from UNDP and FAO may also be obtained for the purpose.

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MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE  
FOR FISHERIES FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA, HELD AT SEOUL,  
REP. OF KOREA, ON 28TH OCTOBER 1981

1. The 11th Meeting of the ICA Sub-committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia was held at Koreana Hotel, Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 28th October 1981.

Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim from Malaysia was in the Chair.

The following were present:

1. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim Chairman & Member for Malaysia.
2. Mr. Sool Hwa Jeong, Rep. of Korea.
3. Mr. Ik Hoan Choi, Rep. of Korea.
4. Brig. Gen. A.S. Lozada, Philippines.
5. Mr. Derek de Silva, Sri Lanka.
6. Mr. C.M.B. Bogollagama, Sri Lanka.
7. Mr. Teerawit Koonsap, Thailand.

Secretary : Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director & Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA ROEC, New Delhi.

Special Invitees :

1. Mr. Malte Jonsson, SCC, Sweden.
2. Mr. Rolf Akeby, ILO Cooptrade Project.

Observers :

1. Mr. S. Tsuboi, Japan.
2. Prof. Dr. A. Kahar Bador, Malaysia.

ICA ROEC staff :

1. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, Regional Director
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education)
3. Dr. Dharm Vir, Joint Director (Education)

In attendance

Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

2. Mr. Sool Hua Jeong, Vice President of the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives of Korea, welcomed the members on behalf of the Korean Fishery Cooperative Movement. He wished the deliberations all success.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 : REMARKS BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

3. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, Regional Director, said that the Fisheries Sub-Committee was of fairly recent origin but it had brought to the focus the need for greater attention for the development of the fishery cooperatives and had initiated certain training activities for fishery cooperators. Somehow the progress made in the field of fishery cooperative development had not been that satisfactory. Sometimes this was because of the weakness of the organisations themselves and sometimes because of the changing government policies in regard to fishery cooperative development. He pointed out that in many countries for the weaker sections of the community who are engaged in fishing, especially as they form a very small sector of the total population, the cooperatives remain the only institutional system through which they could get benefits which would help them to improve their standard of living. He said that the Japanese and the Korean fishery cooperative movements have provided training facilities to the fishery cooperators in these countries in the recent years. He mentioned that the recent seminar held by the ICA in the Rep. of Korea in collaboration with the NFFC exposed the participants to new situations in regard to fishery development and the study tour backed by the study tour in Japan was very useful to them and that the benefits of that seminar would be tremendous in the long run. He suggested that the sub-committee could look into the needs of the member countries in respect of fishery cooperative development and ways of benefitting from the experiences of the two developed countries in the Region e.g. Japan and the Rep. of Korea and also the possibility of receiving assistance from some Western European countries like Hungary which specialise to a very great extent in fresh water fishery. He said that Mr. Jeong and others of the NFFC might be interested to know that after the last seminar the Indian delegates worked on a programme for the life insurance and the insurance of fishermen working in trawlers. This was a direct result of the exposure in Korea and he was most thankful to the Rep. of Korea for the very useful programme they had arranged. He expressed the hope that once the needs of the developing countries in the Region are expressed the developed cooperative movements, both in Japan and Korea, would indicate what kind of further assistance they could give in the future.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. The Chairman, Mr. Hoji Aziz Ibrahim, informed that he attended the Fisheries Executive Committee Meeting held at Helsinki. He informed the members that the FAO was intending to hold a World Fisheries Seminar in Rome in 1983. He requested the members to send their nominations through their respective governments.

5. He thanked ZENGYOREN of Japan for holding the yearly Fisheries Seminar in Japan. He hoped that Fisheries Cooperative Movement of Korea also would continue to hold the educational and study programmes for developing countries.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING

6. The minutes of the 10th meeting held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 13th November 1980 were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 : TALK ON "FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA - PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS".

7. Mr. Sool Hwa Jeong, Vice President of the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives of Korea, gave a talk on the subject of "Fisheries Cooperative Movement in the Republic of Korea - Problems and Prospects".

8. Mr. Jeong thanked the Sub-committee and the ICA ROEC for giving him an opportunity to give a talk at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 : PRESENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FISHERIES COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION

9. At the request of the Chairman, each member present at the meeting made a brief statement regarding the significant developments in the field of fishery cooperatives in his country.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES".

10. The Secretary informed that a Regional Seminar on "Organisation and Development of Fisheries Cooperatives" was held in Seoul, Rep. of Korea, in March this year followed by a week's study visits in Japan and that all costs in connection with the seminar in Korea were borne by the NFFC of Korea.

11. The Secretary reported the major recommendations of the seminar under the following heads.

1. National Surveys and Fisheries Policy
2. Fisheries Cooperative Organisation
3. Production Management
4. Marketing Arrangements
5. Insurance of Fishermen
6. Tax Concessions
7. Education and Training
8. Follow-up action at international level.

12. The Sub-committee endorsed the recommendations of the Regional Seminar.

13. The member for Sri Lanka expressed the appreciation of the Sub-committee to the Republic of Korea for hosting the seminar and to Japan for collaborating with ICA in organising the study visits.

14. The Sub-committee felt that similar seminars should be organised more frequently.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY  
COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

15. The Secretary reported that before the Regional Seminar in Korea a National Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 23rd to 27th February 1981 which had two objectives : (1) training of personnel from the fishery cooperatives and (2) selecting participants for further training in Korea and Japan.

16. The Chairman mentioned that inspite of the language difficulty of the resource person from ZENGYOREN of Japan who was a Resource Person at the National Seminar, his contribution was very useful. He thanked the ICA and the ZENGYOREN for providing his services.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERY  
COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA JAPAN

17. The Secretary mentioned that this seminar had become an annual feature. The selections of participants for the seminar were made by ICA ROEC.

18. The Sub-committee expressed its appreciation to the ZENGYOREN of Japan for organising training programmes for the fishery cooperatives from the Region.

19. The Sub-committee strongly felt that an opportunity should be given for the participants of the Japan seminar to study for



a week or so the fishery cooperatives in the Rep. of Korea. The Secretary informed that this proposal had been brought to the notice of the NFFC and they would consider the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 : STUDY ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES IN FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

20. The Secretary reported that the ICA ROEC had initiated a study on better living activity in fishery cooperatives in Japan. One of the officers of the ROEC in collaboration with the ZENGYOREN of Japan was undertaking this study on the procedures and methods of the better living activities in fishery cooperatives in Japan. He said as the fishery cooperatives in Japan were carrying out better living activities successfully, it was felt that other fishery cooperatives in the Region could learn from them and introduce this very important activity.

21. The Regional Director mentioned that the idea of making this study emerged in the last Regional Seminar in Korea with study visits in Japan. In Japan, the Japanese Fishery Cooperatives, there were fairly strong women's movement. It would also be useful to make a study of the Korean situation. Women's club in Korean cooperatives were also of increasing importance and may be that sometime in the future a study could be undertaken. He hoped that the NFFC of Korea would be able to extend its collaboration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

22. The Secretary informed the Sub-committee that he had received a letter from Mr. Subhash Chandra, Managing Director, All India Fishery Cooperative Federation of India, expressing his inability to attend the meeting and giving information regarding Fishery Cooperatives in India.

23. The paper sent by Mr. Chandra was circulated to the members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

24. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-committee should be in the same venue and that it should precede the Regional Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

25. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA; MANILA (PHILIPPINES) : 9TH NOVEMBER 1982

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TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES FOR  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA, MANILA (PHILIPPINES) : 9TH NOVEMBER 1982.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

1.1 A Council Member for the Philippines will welcome the members of the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Cooperative Movement of the Philippines.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : REMARKS BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the last meeting held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 28th October 1981, have been circulated to all members. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE  
REGION - PRIORITY AREAS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION

5.1 A brief talk on the following subject will be given:

"DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE  
REGION - PRIORITY AREAS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION"

This will be followed by a discussion on the subject for identification of priority areas for special attention.

5.2 Fishery cooperatives are in various stages of development in the countries of the region. In some countries they are fairly well developed while in others they are in the initial stages of development. The talk mentioned above, would try to identify few areas that may be given pointed attention in order to bring about gradual and steady growth of fishery cooperatives. The sub-committee members are requested to come prepared to participate in the discussion, suggest strategies that may be adopted for the development of fishery cooperatives and present their views as to the priority areas which need special attention.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFER FROM HUNGARY

6.1 The National Council of Agricultural Cooperatives in Hungary has informed the ICA ROEC in reply to enquiries made that they are willing to extend technical assistance to fishery cooperative organisations in our region in the following ways.

6.2 According to them assistance could be given for fishery development projects by way of short term experts, consultancy services for drawing up plans, their implementation, etc. Fishery breeding could be one field where assistance would be rendered.

6.3 The investment on projects could be in 3 phases:

- i. Feasibility Study
- ii. Preparation of a plan
- iii. Establishment of the plant

6.4 Assistance can be in all the three phases including some assistance on financing and supply of equipment.

6.5 They can also send fishery experts as resource persons for a maximum period of 3 weeks to any seminar that would be conducted on fishery cooperatives. The cost of participation of the expert would be borne by them.

6.6 This information has been circularised to the member movements. They have been requested, if they are interested, to prepare preliminary project proposals and send them to the ICA ROEC indicating the assistance they require.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : STUDY ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

7.1 A Study on Better Living Activities for Fishery Cooperatives in Japan was carried out by the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre. The report is under preparation.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, HUNGARY - 1ST TO 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1982

8.1 The Secretary of the Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives in Hungary has informed the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre that the National Council of Agricultural Cooperatives, Budapest, Hungary is making arrangements for the conduct of an International Seminar for developing countries on the subject of artificial propagation of fresh water fishes and up-to-date breeding technology.

8.2 This information was circularised to member movements and applications were received from some countries. The original offer did not provide travelling facilities and therefore movements in the region were unable to make use of the offer. Subsequently, however, the Swedish and the Japanese movements have offered to the Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives to give scholarships for travelling for the participants from developing countries. Two participants from the region were selected for the scholarships.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

9.1 A Regional Seminar on Fishery Cooperatives is scheduled to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 6th to 21st September 1982 by the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations, Japan. Participants have been invited from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Malaysia, Pakistan, Rep. of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Oral report of the seminar will be made to the sub-committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES  
IN MALAYSIA

10.1 A National Seminar on Fishery Cooperatives was held in Kuala Trengganu (Malaysia) from 10th to 15th May 1982 by ANGKASA in collaboration with the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre for South-East Asia. 40 participants who are presidents, managers and board members of fishery cooperative societies in Malaysia attended the seminar. The seminar reviewed the present situation of fishery cooperatives in Malaysia. The major areas discussed by the seminar were credit facilities to fishermen, supply of fishing gear through cooperatives, marketing of fish and organisational problems in fishery cooperatives.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : PROPOSED SUB-REGIONAL SEMINAR  
FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES

11.1 A Sub-Regional Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives would be held in collaboration with the Cooperative League of Thailand, for a period of two weeks.

11.2 The objectives of the seminar would be:

- (a) to review the present state of fishery cooperatives in the participating countries;
- (b) to discuss ways and means of organisation and development of fishery cooperatives; and
- (c) to discuss managerial problems of fishery cooperatives and suggest ways of improving their activities.

11.3 About 24 participants who would be presidents, managers and board members of fishery cooperatives, would be invited from Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : PROPOSED NATIONAL SEMINAR ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES THROUGH FISHERY COOPERATIVES

12.1 A request has been received from the member organisation from Sri Lanka that the ICA Regional Office & Education Centre should assist in the conduct of a National Seminar on the subject mentioned above ✓

AGENDA ITEM NO.13 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.14 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM NO.15 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

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MINUTES of the 12th Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia, held in Manila, Philippines, on 9th November 1982.

The 12th Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Fisheries for South-East Asia was held at Mirador Hotel, Manila, on 9th November 1982, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim from Malaysia was in the chair.

The following were present:

Members

1. Mr. Haji Aziz Ibrahim, Chairman and Member for Malaysia
2. Mr. Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia
3. Mr. Noboru Azami, Member for Japan
4. Mr. Sun Yul Kim, Member for Korea
5. Mr. Florencia G. Tamargo, Member for Philippines
6. Mr. C.M.B. Bogollagama, alternate member for Sri Lanka
7. Dr. Sopone Phukowluan, Member for Thailand

Secretary : Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA ROEC

Observers

1. Dr. R.C. Dwivedi, India
2. Mr. M. Sato, Japan
3. Mr. Seong Woo Hong, Rep. of Korea
4. Mr. Young Tai Park, Rep. of Korea
5. Brig. Gen. A.Z. Lozada, Philippines
6. Mr. Manuel F. Verzosa, Philippines
7. Mr. Vicente A. Martires, Philippines

ICA Staff

1. Mr. A.E. Saenger, Director, ICA
2. Mr. R.B. Rajaguru, Regional Director, ICA ROEC

In attendance

Mr. Prem Kumar, Personal Assistant to Regional Director, ICA ROEC

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 : WELCOME BY THE HOST MOVEMENT

Brig. Gen. A.S. Lozada, President, Cooperative Union of the Philippines, welcomed the members on behalf of the Filipino Cooperative Movement. He wished the deliberations all success.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 : REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said that he was very happy to be with his fellow cooperators. He was particularly happy of the presence of the Director of the ICA at the meeting. The sub-committee over the years had discussed the problems of fishery cooperative development in the region and some of its proposals, especially for education and training activities had been found useful and beneficial to the fishery cooperative movement. He referred to the National Seminar held in Malaysia which he said was very successful and several recommendations of the seminar were receiving the active consideration of the Government of Malaysia.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3 : REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR, ICA

Mr. A.E. Saenger, ICA Director said that he was happy to be in the meeting though it may be for a short time. He said the fishery cooperatives had a very important role to play in developing the industry. He said he would like the sub-committee to work in close collaboration with the main committee so that the main committee could extend assistance to the sub-committee in its work. He wished the meeting success.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING

The minutes of the 11th meeting held at Seoul, Korea, on 28th October 1961, were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 : TALK ON "DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION - PRIORITY AREAS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION"

A paper on "Development of Fishery Cooperatives in the Region - Priority areas for special attention" prepared by Mr. S. Chandra, Managing Director, National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives of India, was presented in his absence by Dr. R.C. Dwivedi, Chief Executive of the National Cooperative Union of India. The presentation was followed by a discussion. The major points recommended by the paper for consideration for adoption by the fishery cooperatives in the Region were:

- a) Development of inland fisheries and cooperative marketing of inland fish.



- b) Adoption of (selected) fishery villages for overall improvement in production, marketing and management of fishery cooperatives to serve as demonstration units.
- c) Cooperative Education of Fishermen and training of personnel in fishery cooperatives.
- d) Introduction of accident insurance system for fishermen.

The member from Japan suggested that the secretariat should prepare a questionnaire about the organizational structure, marketing, supply and insurance schemes and other problems of fishery cooperatives and send it to the members in advance of the meeting and request the members to prepare a paper based on the questionnaire and send it to the secretariat who would then distribute to the members prior to the meeting.

The member from Korea supported the suggestion.

The Secretary suggested that a synopsis for a paper could be prepared and sent to each of the members for preparation of a paper. The sub-committee decided that this procedure should be followed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6 : TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFER FROM HUNGARY

The information given in the agenda was noted.

The Member for Sri Lanka requested for assistance under the three items listed in the agenda.

The Regional Director said those who were interested in getting project assistance from Hungary, should send the project request in detail early and the ROEC would pass on the request to ICA Geneva for processing.

The Member for Indonesia said that they had direct contact with Hungary on a government to government basis. He said Taiwan was another country which could offer assistance.

The Member for the Philippines informed the meeting that they were also preparing a project proposal to be forwarded for Hungarian assistance.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 : STUDY ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

The information given in the agenda was noted.

The Regional Director enquired from the Korean member whether there would be a possibility of studying the involvement of women in fishery cooperatives in Korea. If so, what kind of assistance the Korean Movement could give in carrying out the study. He requested the Korean member to discuss this with his Federation and inform the Regional Office their reaction. The Member for Korea agreed to do so.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 : INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, HUNGARY - SEPT. 1-11, 1982

The information given in the agenda was noted.

The Secretary informed the meeting that one participant each from Malaysia and Sri Lanka were selected to attend the seminar from this Region.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 : REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN JAPAN

The sub-committee noted the holding of the Regional Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives in Japan by the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations of Japan and expressed its gratitude for providing training facilities for fisheries cooperatives to the Region in Japan.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 : NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

The Chairman reported that a National Seminar on Fishery Cooperatives was held in Kuala Trengganu (Malaysia) from 10th to 15th May 1982 by ANGKASA in collaboration with the ICA ROEC.

He expressed his thanks to ZENGYOREN for providing the services of Mr. Hakamoto, as resource person, at the seminar.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11 : PROPOSED SUB-REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FISHERY COOPERATIVES

The Secretary reported that there was a proposal to hold a Sub-Regional Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives for the following countries - Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The Member for Philippines requested that Philippines too be included in the list of countries and it was agreed that the secretariat would look into this.

Member for Thailand suggested that this Seminar should be a multipurpose one - it should be organised in such a way that it should benefit countries which have somewhat developed fishery cooperatives and also those which do not have such cooperatives. In the case of Thailand the development of fishery cooperatives was in the initial stages. Training and education conducted by the Government focussed only on better techniques of fishing and not cooperative methods. If ICA decides to organise a Seminar in Thailand, he said, CLT would be willing to collaborate in this.

The Member for the Philippines requested that the ICA ROEC should assist them in organising a national seminar for fishery cooperatives in the Philippines in 1983. He said he would make this request again in the Council Meeting.

The Regional Director said that at the moment the position was that there was no budgetary provision for assisting national seminars in 1983-84. However, this question could again be discussed at the Regional Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12 : PROPOSED NATIONAL SEMINAR ON BETTER LIVING ACTIVITIES THROUGH FISHERY COOPERATIVES

Information given in the agenda was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13 : ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Florencio G. Tamargo, Member for the Philippines, presented a paper on the "Fishery Cooperatives in the Philippines".

AGENDA ITEM NO.14 : VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the sub-committee should be held along with the Regional Council Meeting, which would be held in Tokyo in November 1983.

AGENDA ITEM NO.15 : VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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