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Advisories for fishers of river, estuaries, channels and creeks in the context of COVID19

Many states have exempted fisheries and aquaculture activities including transportation from restricted list during lockdown. Handling of the catch, including its movement to the market are inevitable as fishes are perishable goods. However, fishers have to follow safety measures to prevent spread of the disease. Simple measures include social distancing, maintaining personal hygiene by washing of hands with soap, wearing of face mask, protective clothing and cleaning of gears can inhibit the spread of the pandemic.

Advisory to be abided by fishers and fishermen cooperative societies

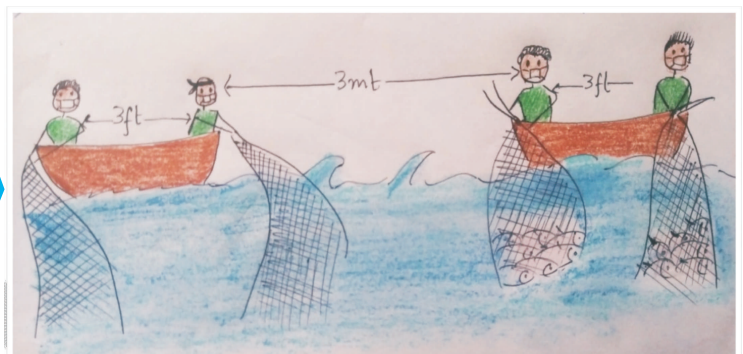
Personal hygiene and social distancing to be followed by the fishers engaged in fish harvesting before, during and after executing of the fishing operation.

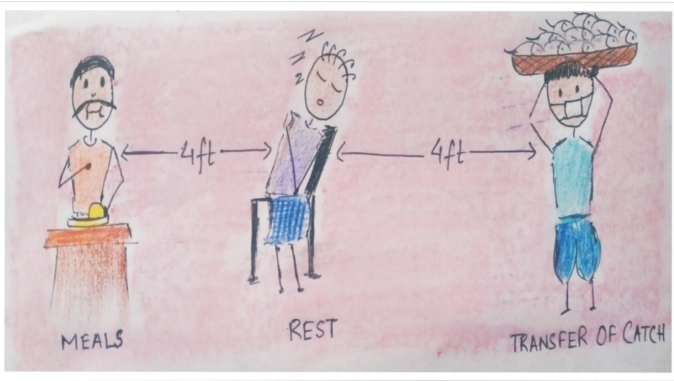


Fishers involved in fishing activities should always use masks and wash hands with soap at reasonable intervals.



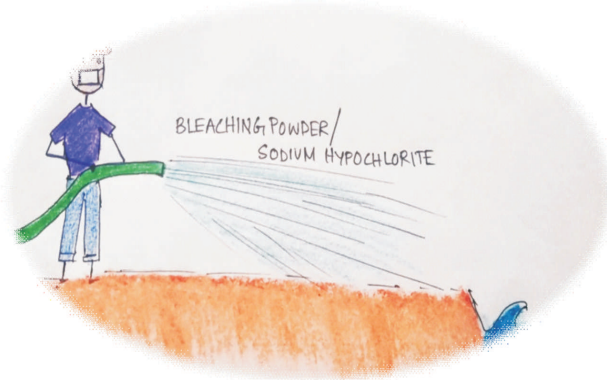
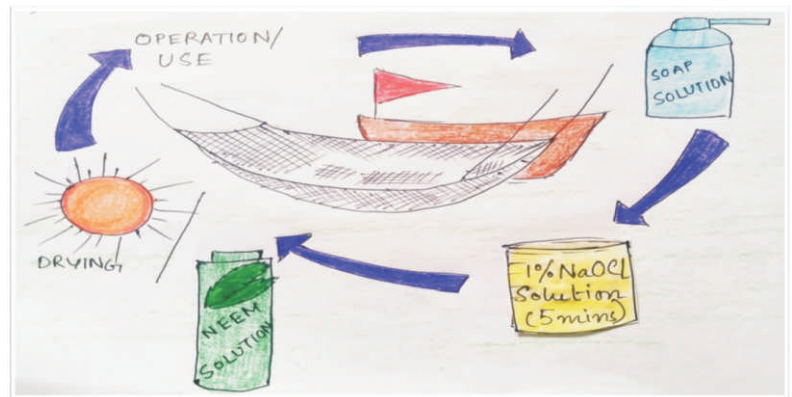
Fish harvesting in inland sector is performed in group. So, in case of manual operation of craft and gears, at least 3feet distance between each fisher may be maintained. Country crafts operating should only carry two persons for fishing. No two boats should be operated closely and a distance of more than 3 m needs to be maintained.





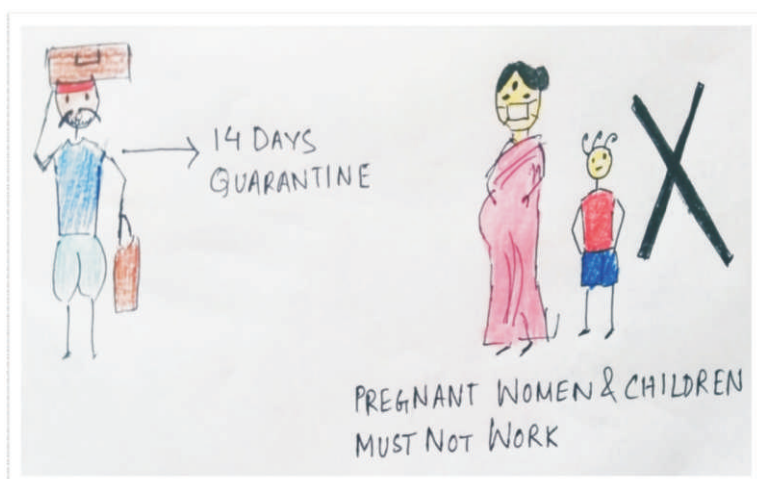
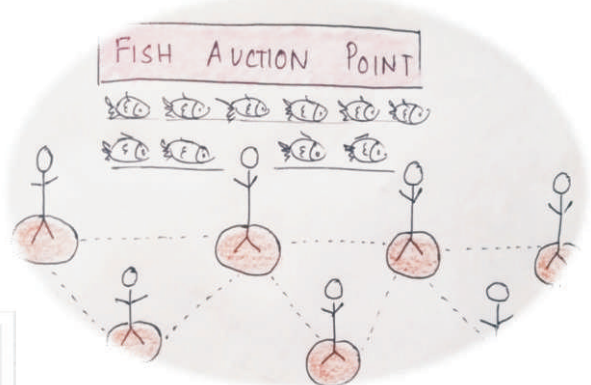
Maintain safe distance of 3-4 feet during rest, taking of meals, transfer of catch in landing centre.

If possible, the gears and crafts and other fishing implements may be sanitized after each operation. After washing with soap solution, those may be dipped in 1% Sodium hypochlorite solution for 5 minutes followed by Sun drying. Gears may also be soaked in neem solution (indigenously made) and then dried under sun. No crowding is allowed. Periodical disinfection is allowed.



The landing centre of the fishes may be cleaned and sanitized with Bleaching powder sodium hypochlorite or any sanitizer looking in to safety issues solution at regular interval.

Fish auction points may be opened for a specific time and auctioneers entry in the auction point should be regulated by the fishermen societies and they should also abide by the safety measures of Covid 19.



The family members of the fishers' family sometimes migrate in search of job. If, in lockdown period, he/she has come from outside may be asked to be at his/her home for 14 days in quarantine. Children and Pregnant women should not be allowed.