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To  
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Dear Dr. Keshavanath,

I thank you for your letter No. 10/2019, dated 12-07-2019.

I am happy to note that a new initiative towards ensuring sustainability in coastal small pelagic marine fisheries of India is being undertaken all along both coasts of India. Small pelagics have an important and impacting role in the coastal economy, livelihood and food security and therefore an initiative aimed at sustainable utilization is the need of the hour. The Asian Fisheries Society, being a national non-profit non-governmental fisheries organization, will be able to closely work with all stake holders in the small pelagic fisheries sector for not only creating awareness, but also ensuring compliance to the several regulatory measures brought out by the maritime states of India.

In this connection, I am happy to extend to you and your team all support needed all along both coasts of India through the various regional centres of the CMFRI in your field activities. The broad objectives of the project for ensuring sustainability of the marine fishery resources match with the mandate of CMFRI and I assure full support and cooperation of CMFRI for the successful conduct of this important programme. As you know, CMFRI has regional centres in Veraval, Visakhapatnam, Mandapam and Research Centres in Mumbai, Karwar, Mangaluru, Calicut, Vizhinjam, Tuticorin, and Chennai where capture fisheries research is being carried out.

I shall instruct the Heads of Regional and Research Centres to extend full support to the initiative and join hands with you for conducting the stakeholder interventions planned for future.

My best wishes to you for the success of the Small Pelagic Fisheries Improvement Programme operated along both coasts of India.

Best wishes and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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