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Dear Dr. Gopalakrishnan,

I am pleased to learn that Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch is initiating an important National Project on Marine Fisheries Improvement all along both coasts of India with support from the respective maritime State Governments and officers of the respective State Departments of Fisheries. Creating awareness among all stakeholders is the need of the hour when the marine fisheries are passing through unsustainable exploitation and destructive fishing methods. Sensitizing the operatives on the evils of IUU fishing is also a welcome initiative which will go a long way in reducing such harmful activities in our water.

I offer the project my full support and the cooperation of my officers of the Department of Fisheries for carrying out the field activities and sensitization programmes along the fisheries harbours in Kerala. The collaboration of the Department of Fisheries, Kerala may be acknowledged in the Brouchers printed for distribution, without having any financial burden to the department.

My best wishes for the success of the project.

With regards,

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