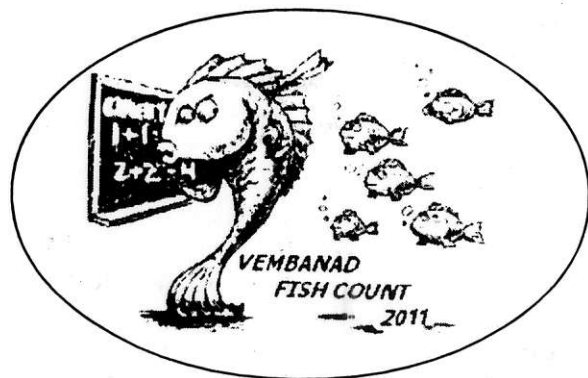


VEMBANAD FISH COUNT 2011



26th May 2011

Dear All,

We are glad to announce the 4th edition of the Vembanad Fish Count. The Vembanad wetlands, fosters high biodiversity and substantially supports rural livelihoods. The environmental conditions of this lake are in steady decline due to various human activities and have lead to a crisis in livelihoods for dependent communities. Depletion of Fishery resources has changed this 'inland fish basket' to an 'Inland waste basket', driving the fisher folks, the primary stakeholder of the lake to a livelihood crisis. Traditionally, conservation and management of the lake resources of Vembanad were vested in the hands of the local communities, and hence, local communities were actively involved in the management of the resources they relied on. With the intention of regaining the participatory methods in lake management, to enhance cooperation between various stakeholders, Govt. departments, NGOs, academic institutions and to create awareness about the state of fishery resources, we are organizing **Vembanad Fish Count -2011**, a participatory fishery resource inventory and monitoring on **26th May 2011 (Thursday)**.

The survey will be flagged off from **Muhamma boat jetty** by 6.00 AM on 26th May. The closing ceremony will be held at the VIP island pavilion at Punnamada finishing point. **Prof. B. Madhusoodana Kurup**, The Honorable Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies, has kindly agreed to receive the survey teams and inaugurate the valedictory function at 2 pm.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I invite you all to participate in this event and lent your support in protecting this great natural heritage.

Latha Bhaskar

Convener

Program

25.05.2011 - Venue : St. George Parish Hall, Muhamma (near Muhamma boat jetty)

03.00 pm to 05.00 pm - Session on Ethical Fishing : **Mr. Sanjeev Ghosh** (Rtd. Addl. Director, Fisheries Dept.)

05.00 pm to 08.00 pm - Orientation for the volunteers : **Dr. K.V Jayachandran**
Prof. & Head, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies
Krishnakumar K (Program Officer. ATREE)

26.05.2011

- **Vembanad Fish Count - 2011**

06.00 am - **Flag off** : **Shri. K.V Dayal** the noted environmentalist

01.30 pm - **Survey teams reaches the V.I.P Pavilion, Punnamada Finishing Point**

02.00 pm - **Valedictory Function**

Welcome - **Dr. Latha Bhaskar** (Co-ordinator, ATREE CERC)

Presidential Address - **Dr. K.G Padmakumar** (Director, RARS)

Inaugural Address - **Prof. B. Madhusoodana Kurup** (The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies)

Keynote Address - **Dr. R.V Varma** (Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board)

FC 2010 Report Release - **Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan** (Fellow Scientist, ATREE)

Felicitation - **Mr. Ajayan S** (Deputy Director of Fisheries. Alappuzha)

Presentation by the 4 Cruise Captains

Summing up - **Dr. Benno Pereira** (Head, Department of Aqua Culture St. Albert's College, Ernakulam)

Certificate distribution - **Prof. Captain Robert Stanly** (principal St. Albert College Ernakulam)

Vote of Thanks - **Jojo T. D** (ATREE)

RSVP

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Kerala State Biodiversity Board



Vembanad Nature Club



Regional Agricultural Research
Station, Kumarakom



St. Albert's College Ernakulam



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