

Indigenous Knowledge and Engaging Marine Fishing Practices in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT Fishing is one of the fulltime activity for fishermen which provides livelihood for them. The occupation of fishing has been executed by the engaging indigenous knowledge to thrive their livelihoods. In fact, the earlier studies related to fishing communities are explored through the ethnographic accounts to understand society and culture. The fishing communities are having lower literacy and economic development in the studied area but having wider range of knowledge over the marine ecology and fishing methods is an interesting aspect. This paper provided how the fishing communities are employed different type of fishing nets, boats for fishing expeditions by engaging indigenous knowledge. And, it is also provided the engagement of fishermen's knowledge to identify different school fish by locating fishing grounds in the sea.