

Seminar on fisheries development

Proper utilisation of marine resources, ecology urged

The eighth session of the Indian Ocean Fishery Commission (IOFC) for the development and management of fisheries in the Bay of Bengal began in the city Saturday, with an objective to formulate correct strategy for conservation and rational utilisation of living marine resources and ecology, reports BSS.

The seven day session was formally inaugurated by Minister for Forest and Environment and Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah al-Noman, who was the chief guest on the occasion.

Being held at the Hotel Sonargaon, the inaugural session was presided over by Fisheries and Livestock Secretary AZM Nasiruddin. State Minister for Fisheries Goyeswar Chandra Roy attended the function as special guest. Assistant Director General of FAO AZM Obaidullah Khan, Director, Fisheries AK Ataur, Rahman, Director Fisheries Operation FAO, Y Kato and Joint Secretary Fisheries Department MM Abdul Matin also spoke at the inaugural session.

The 17th advisory committee meeting of Bay of Bengal Programme (BOBP) which deals with responsible fishing and sustainable development of fisheries resources, is also being held together with the eighth session of IOFC.

A total number of 47 resource persons from eight member-countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Maldives, India, Myanmar and host Bangladesh are participating in the session.

In his inaugural speech Abdullah al-Noman emphasised the critical need for renewed government and donor efforts

for designing sustainable poverty alleviation programmes in fisheries sector to face the intense pressure on limited land and other natural resources as well as tackling environment and population issues.

Noman said that Bangladesh, having fishing grounds in the Bay of Bengal including 480 km of coastline, is rich in aquatic resources for fish production. He said, that Bangladesh has limited access to marine fish resources for the lack of technology and appropriate vessels and gears.

The minister said that marine fishery employ around 40 per cent of 1.25 million full-time fisher folk engaged in the fisheries sector. In addition there are about two million part-time fishermen and women whose number peaks during the fishing season. Of them, the minister said, around 90 per cent marine fish catches are taken by artisanal fishermen while the remaining five per cent by the industrial trawlers.

The minister said that the country's fisher-folk are not capable enough to harness valuable marine resources because they have little access to basic infrastructure including credit facilities.

Describing the pitiful conditions of the poor fishermen, the minister said that BOBP programme under the auspices of FAO has made substantial contributions towards the wellbeing of the fishermen including provision of training, group formation and supply of inputs.

In this connection the Minister said that the global contribution and cooperation are essential to alleviate poverty. Any act of cooperation

in this respect indeed epitomises the unity of mankind and it denotes the singularity of mind and spirit, defying man-made territorial identifications, the Minister maintained.

Referring to the merciless vagaries of nature on our national life, the minister said that the present government was trying its best to minimise the environmental degradation and the action programmes taken require solitary support from the friendly nations and international agencies.

The minister hoped that the participants of the session would give due thrust during their deliberations on development and management strategy for harnessing the aquatic resources in the Bay of Bengal. He also hoped that the deliberations of the experts in the session would come up with recommendations which would help the relevant countries improve working efficiency.

Goyeswar Roy said that the present government had focussed its attention to develop and utilise the marine resources to improve the supply of fish in the country and to earn more foreign exchange to help mobilisation of internal resources for all round development in adherence to the professed policies of the democratic government.

Roy said that in order to improve the fishing industry in the country it is imperative to improve socio-economic condition of the core population by providing more employment opportunities in the form of various fishing operations as well as other income generating activities.

AZM Obaidullah Khan said that the BOBP would help in forging closer cooperation in

fisheries development and management among the Bay of Bengal countries.

Dwelling at length on the success, already achieved since the establishment of BOBP in 1981, Khan pointed out that fisheries production by the member countries bordering the Bay of Bengal has increased from 8.7 million metric tons in 1982 to 12.7 million metric tons in 1991.

Quoting the observation of the recently held 95th session of the FAO council, Khan said that the rising demand for fish could be met by managing the fishery resources in a rational and timely manner, by seeking utilisation of fish through the reduction of post-harvest losses including catch discards and by accelerating aquacultural development.

Y Kato said that traditional knowledge of the local people should be involved for getting maximum production in hauling marine resources. He suggested that appropriate actions should be taken on priority basis to stop further degradation of the ecological condition of the Bay of Bengal.

Kato stressed the need for common research endeavours by the members countries and massive exchanges of knowledge and experiences among the concerned countries for better development and harnessing the fish resources in the region.

In his presidential speech AZM Nasiruddin said that the session would give thrust on "fisheries and environment" besides dwelling at length on "research needs". In this connection he said, "we should explore the possibilities for joint research programmes for mutual benefit of the participating countries."

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 01.04.1993.

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L. Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Safar	GI	Pena	ASLL	30/3	04/4
J/3	Ronjay Choomie	Cement	Viza	PSAL	15/3	12/4
J/5	Iron Thrust	Cement	S.Way	PSAL	26/3	04/4
J/7	Pearl One					
	(48)Soda Ash	Mong	Cross	31/3	03/4	
J/8	Banglar Shobha	Wheat	—	BSC	R/A	03/4
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	10/4
J/11	Pine Trust	Wheat	Sing	Prog	24/3	03/4
J/13	M.C Pearl	SPL	Massa	OWSL	24/3	02/4
MPB/1	I. Yambarenko	Cont	Sing	CT	31/3	03/4
CGJ	Sea Rhapsody	C.Cline	Vish	UMAL	20/3	08/4
RM/4	Vintu	Wheat	—	Aqua	R/A	07/4
RM/5	Chilham Castle	HSD	Sing	MSP	30/3	02/4
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	—	BSC	R/A	05/4
DDJ/1	Barge : Labroy-90	GI	Sing	ILA	31/1	31/7
DDJ/2	Banglar Asha	Repair	—	BSC	R/A	15/4
CUFJ:	Victorious	—	Sing	Anchor	31/3	02/4
	Martiner (Barge: Smit Lombok)					
Kafco:	KOAG Antara					
	KOAG-8	P.Mat	Sing	ILA	12/12	—
Kafco:	Bagi ASL-VII	P. Mat	Sing	ILA	12/12	—
IB:	Bagi Anchorer	—	—	Royal	21/7/88	—
IB:	Mymner	—	—	—	—	—
IB:	Fisher-01	Repair	—	SRL	12/2/92	30/4
IB:	Mymner	—	—	—	—	—
IB:	Fisher-03	Repair	—	SRL	12/2/92	30/4

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE:

Name of Vessels	Date of arrival	Last Port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Fong Shin 20/3	1/4	Sing	BDSIIP	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun 20/3	1/4	Sing	BDSIIP	Cont	Haid
Banglar Robi 27/3	1/4	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Banglar Urmi	1/4	Male	BSC	GI	Dundee
Banglar Gourab	2/4	L.Way	BSC	Cement	—
Saigon-1	3/4	Mong	USTC	For Bunkering	—
Trade Fair	2/4	L.Kou	Khansons	Cement	—
Samudra Raj	2/4	Mong	SSL	For Bunkering	—
Sam Houston	2/4	—	Karnia	GI	—
Jenivalla 28/3	2/4	Sing	URLA	Cont	USA, FE.
Tarbela	2/4	MGL	PUSA	Urea	Col
Armas	4/4	Mong	OWSL	J.Goods	D.Salam
Meng Kiat23/3	2/4	Sing	AML	Cont	Sing, Cal
Safina-e-Islam-2	4/4	Mong	ASLL	For Bunkering	—
Al-Swamir	2/4	Rang	ASLL	GI	—
Astra	5/4	—	USTC	Cement	—
PU Aspiration	5/4	—	USTC	Cement	—
NGS Ranger 27/3	3/4	Sing	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Al Reza	7/4	—	PSAL	Cement	—
Regine	4/4	—	Prog	P.Equip & Materials	—
Yukon Success	4/4	Sing	ILA	—	—
Long Xu	9/4	L.Shan	Khansons	—	Cement
Optima 27/3	5/4	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Meng Lee 29/3	4/4	Cal	AML	Cont	Sing
Banglar Kakoti	6/4	—	BSC	GI	—
For Teng	6/4	—	Prog	GI	—
Banglar Sampad	8/4	Kara	BSC	GI	—
Swift Wings	8/4	—	Prog	Wheat	USA
Golden Lake	8/4	—	Prog	GI	—
Kota Buana 31/3	9/4	—	CTS	Cont	Sing

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival

VESSELS NOT READY

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Arti	GTSI(P)	Ind	HA SL	16/1
Kang Dong	Cement	Sing	Bright	22/3
Altair Lee	Cement	Sing	Bright	22/3
Tony Best	Cement	Sing	AEKA	25/3
Hang Cheong	Cement	Sing	H & H	28/3

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Rvong Song	Cement	Sing	USTC	19/3
Banglar Shourabh	—	—	BSC	R/A
Berry	Cement	Sing	Bright	29/3
Mars	Cement	Sing	Bright	31/3

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Trans Asia	Repair	Sing	BOAL	01/2
Akademik Filatove	Cement	Sing	Khansons	12/3
Bi Ryu Gang	Cement	Sing	AEKA	21/3
Felstella	Cement	Sing	Bright	23/3
Bunga Kemboja	Scrapping	Sing	EOSL	28/3
Huaxing	Cement	Sing	USTC	31/3
Ocean Voyager	Cement	PADA	AML	31/3
Samudra Samrat	Bunker	Mong	SSL	31/3

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 02.04.93 & 03.04.93

OUTGOING	INCOMING	SHIFTING
J/13 M.C Pearl	MPB-2 B-Robi	
RM-4 Venno	J/9 B-Gourab	
RM-5 Chigam Castle	J/2 B-Urmi	
CUFJ/ V.Mamcr	J/13 Fong Shin	
	J/12 Fong Yun	
	J/6 Al Swamiruz	

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J/7 Pearl One	J/11 Benbella	J/13 Fong Shin to MPB-1
J/8 B-Shobha	J/13 Meng Kiat	
J/11 Pine Trust	CUFJ Terbala	
MPB-1 I. Yambarenko	RM-4 Burangkesumba	

The above were the Thursday's shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC GROUP, Dhaka.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Banks' Bid selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on April 4, 5 and 6.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.8339
Pound Sterling	59.5167	59.2016	58.8051
DM	24.4732	24.3179	24.1462
FF	7.2014	7.1563	7.1057
S Riyal	10.4602	10.4003	10.3269
D Guilders	21.7706	21.6280	21.4750
S Kroner	5.1990	5.1658	5.1293
Singapore Dollar	24.0387	23.9012	23.7323
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	130.5737	129.8267	128.9987
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.2501	1.2445	1.2383
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.4636	1.4571	1.4498

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad. Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on April 3, 1993

Week opens on bearish note

Week's trading on the floor of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) opened on a bearish note on Saturday. The DSE index suffered a loss of 0.443 point. It declined to 389.5682 from 390.0114.

Both the turnovers also plunged. Volume fell to 5816 from 5887, showing a decline of 1.206 per cent. Value dropped from Taka 706517.50 to Taka 628465.00, a fall of 0.110 per cent. A total of 33 stocks was traded on the floor against Thursday's 26. Of those, 13 stocks gained, 16 shares lost and the rest four were traded at previous rates.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	389.5682
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	11,135,799,036.00
Turnover in Volume	5816
Turnover in Value (Tk)	628465.00

Company's name	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over of price)	Number of shares sold
Gains (13)					
Shares :					
Pharmaco	45.00	50.00	5.000	11.111	15
Bangladesh Lamps	185.00	195.00	10.000	5.405	20
Modern Dyeing	31.00	32.00	1.000	3.226	30
Singer Bangladesh	1226.23	1249.57	23.340	1.903	58
Beximco Infusion	243.37	247.80	4.430	1.820	50
Amber Pharma	12.40	12.58	0.180	1.452	600
Dulamia Cotton	80.09	81.00	1.000	1.249	390
Beximco Pharma	446.00	450.43	4.430	0.993	280
Padma Textile	178.50	180.25	1.750	0.980	40
Al Baraka Bank	920.00	925.00	5.000	0.543	5
3rd ICB M Fund	149.86	150.00	0.140	0.093	40
Bata Shoe	36.98	37.00	0.020	0.054	200
Debiture:					
Beximco Infusion	1540.00	1555.00	15.000	0.974	8

Losses (16)					
Shares :					
Zeal Bangla Sugar	7.60	7.35	0.250	3.289	950
GQ Ball Pen	86.02	83.20	2.820	3.278	150
BGC	167.50	163.10	4.400	2.627	1000
Cig Vegetable	80.00	78.00	2.000	2.500	600
Metalex Corp	41.00	40.00	1.000	2.439	20
B Oxygen	71.41	70.00	1.410	1.975	100
Cig Cement	256.67	253.00	3.670	1.430	20
1st ICB M Fund	350.00	345.00	5.000	1.429	10
Renuck Jaineswar	72.00	71.00	1.000	1.389	40
National Oxygen	81.00	80.00	1.000	1.235	10
Atlas Bangladesh	42.50	42.00	0.500	1.176	100
6th ICB M Fund	62.50	62.00	0.500	0.800	30
Howlader PVC	98.69	98.00	0.690	0.699	100
Beximco	20.30	20.21	0.090	0.443	700
Monro Ceramic	298.11	296.83	1.280	0.429	120
Shaham Textiles	69.25	69.00	0.250	0.361	40

Traded at previous rates (04)

Shares: City Bank (15), National Bank (30), Ibcnsna (20), Usmania Glass (35).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Share Price	100/5	125/50	100/5	100/82
BANKS (10)						
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	925.00				
A.B. Bank	100/5	178.00				