

Socio-economic status, income and expenditure pattern of fishermen in Konkan region of Maharashtra

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ABSTRACT

A preliminary survey was conducted on a sample of twenty fishermen randomly selected from two districts of Konkan *i.e.* Ratnagiri and Raigad districts to know that socio-economic status, income and expenditure pattern of Koli community in the Konkan region. It was observed that fishing was the main source, 92 per cent of occupation of the people in this community was dependent for commercial credit from Government source 64 per cent, banks 47 per cent, co-operative credit societies 37 per cent and remaining from private sources. Almost 80 per cent of their gross expenditure (Rs.123226) was used for running their business activity and remaining 20 per cent (Rs. 24972) for family expenditure. At the overall level, the average annual income was the highest from fishing (Rs. 271800). The standard of living revealed from this study was better as the savings of Rs. 198640 were observed at the overall level. However, the fishermen opined that uncertainty of fish catch, high cost of fishing operations and mainly lack of infrastructure for trading activities.