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FOREWORD

The main task of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is to protect and regulate the renewable but limited fisheries and aquatic resources for the betterment of the future generation through the management of fishing fleet and fishing gear.

Strengthening the legal framework in order to direct the fisher community towards a responsible fisheries industry in agreement with international Conventions, Laws and Rules, improving the compliance by means of training and awareness programmes, handling boat operations at High Seas via Vessel Monitoring System and certification of fishing operations through the process undertaken by fishery harbours are some of the productive measures taken during the year under review.

It was a victory achieved by the Department at national level to enable to expand the fish export opportunities to the European Union as well as to the United States of America, China, Russia, Canada and Middle East countries in the year 2017 as a result of the certification of hygiene and quality of fish products in accordance with the international standards.

Similarly, in the year 2017, steps were taken by the Department to upgrade the living standard of the fisher folk by way of improving the capability to exploit high quality fish harvest by providing 50% government subsidy to build multiday fishing boats more than 55 feet in length which are equipped with modern equipment and to improve the advanced technology in fishing boats.

It should also be mentioned that attracting and retaining Bio-Science Degree holders, Marine and Radio Technicians is posing a challenge to the Department at present.

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Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources.

1.1. Mission

Sustainable development in the fisheries industry through the application of new technology and sound resource management in conformity with the international marine laws and conventions thereby making an effective contribution to the National Economy of Sri Lanka.

1.2. Objectives

- To manage, regulate, conserve and develop fisheries activities in a sustainable manner in conformity with national and international laws and conventions.
- To promote local and foreign investments.
- To introduce new technology in the exploitation of fishery resources in the national and international waters.
- To uplift socio – economic status of the fishing community.
- To certify quality and safety of the fish products for export in conformity with international standards.
- To minimize post-harvest losses and improve the quality of local fish products.

1.3. Strategies

- Introduction and implementation of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act. No. 02 of 1996 and the Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Boats) Act, No. 59 of 1979 in accordance with current trends and international laws and conventions.
- To create the environment enabling to attract investment from the foreign and local business community for the development of fisheries sector.
- Effective coordination with related institutions in order to introduce new technology for the development of the fisheries industry.
- Establishment of an IT – based extension service to take the local and foreign funded projects, community development programmes and the results of scientific studies and researches to the fishing community.
- To give priority for the participation of the fisher community in the management of fisheries development programmes, projects and resources through the active involvement of government, non – governmental and community organizations.
- Strengthening the necessary institutional arrangements for improving infrastructure services and provision of training for minimizing post-harvest losses and upgrading the quality and standards of local and export fish products.
- Provide necessary incentives to obtain total commitment and support of fisher women and men for uplifting the socio-economic status of fisher households.

1.4. Functions

- Formulation, updating and implementation of fisheries operational regulations, fisheries management regulations and aquaculture management regulations.
- Registration of fishing boats and issue of fishing operational licences.
- Action relating to the mortgaging of fishing boats.
- Issue of licences for the export of live fish.
- Issue of licences to foreign fishing boats for landing of fish.
- Enhancing the understanding about fishery management.
- Co-ordination of loan facilities for the purchase of capital goods.
- Registration of boat builders, manufacturers of fishing gear, sales agents and agents for boat engines.
- Approval for quotations of boats, engines and fishing gear.
- Guidance and supervision of fisheries cooperative societies to enhance their efficiency.
- Formulation of development projects for fisheries cooperatives and the establishment of fisheries (Idiwara) banks.
- Improve the understanding and awareness of fishing communities.
- Collection of data regarding the fishing industry
- Repatriation of fishermen arrested by foreign countries or stranded at high seas.
- Registration of fish processing establishments and checking the quality of fish exports.
- Upgrading the standard of local fish sale outlets.

1.5. Organizational structure

Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources which is coming under the purview of the Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources is administered by a Director General. The functions of the Head Office have been divided into the following ten (10) divisions in order to carry out the activities of the Department in an efficient manner. They are,

1. Fisheries Management Division.
2. Fisheries Industries Division.
3. Fishery Products Quality Control Division.
4. Monitoring, Controlling & Surveillance Division.
5. High Seas Division.
6. Vessel Monitoring Division.
7. Brackish Water Management Division
8. Administration Division.
9. Finance Division.
10. Internal Audit Division.

The functions of these divisions are executed by four Directors, Chief Internal Auditor and five Deputy/Assistant Directors.

Fifteen District Offices of Assistant Directors have been set up covering coastal districts and the functions of each such district are carried out under the guidance and supervision of the respective Assistant Director of the District. Furthermore, 133 Fisheries Inspector Offices have been set up covering all the coastal areas of the relevant divisions. All the activities of such fisheries divisions are undertaken by fisheries inspectors, fisheries social development assistants and fisheries resources management assistants.

Similarly, 20 monitoring centers have been established at fishery harbours and radio officers have been attached to such centers for day and night duties. In addition, offices have been set up at 15 fishery harbours located in 07 districts. The officials of the Department attached to those places carry out activities such as inspection of vessels departing the fishery harbours day and night, registration of and permitting the departure, obtaining log entries pertaining to the trip of boats arriving at the harbour, checking fish production accordingly, preparation of reports for the fish ready for export and providing them to the buyers, taking statements in case illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing has occurred, delivering the log entries and statements taken to the Head Office via Fax or E-mail and preparation of alternative monitoring reports.

1.6. Marine fish catch by Districts in the year 2017

Se.No.	Description	Annual target in 2017 Fish catch in metric tons	Annual Progress in 2017 Fish catch in metric tons
01	Colombo	6,792	7,104
02	Kalutara	35,315	40,556
03	Galle	45,550	48,526
04	Matara	75,800	28,732
05	Tangalle	58,535	68,417
06	Kalmunai	26,937	20,081
07	Batticaloa	54,960	23,234
08	Trincomalee	74,840	32,657
09	Mullaitivu	14,500	5,370
10	Kilinochchi	9,350	11,686
11	Jaffna	73,150	42,445
12	Mannar	36,375	20,696
13	Puttalam	44,840	28,862
14	Mahawewa	31,500	30,816
15	Negombo	72,156	100,665
Total		652,884	509,847

1.7. Marine sector fish catch by species in the year 2017

Fish Category	Volume (Metric tons)
Thora (seer)	7,790
Paraw (Carangids)	23,690
Balaya (Skipjack)	57,960
Kelawalla (Yellowfin tuna)	38,960
Other Blood Fish species	44,520
Thalapath (Sail fish)	33,180
Mora/Maduwa (Shark/ Skate)	13,620
Rock Fish (Mulletts)	31,100
Shore seine varieties	143,320
Prawns	17,620
Lobsters	540
Crabs	11,510
Others	25,700
Total	449,440

1.8. Fishing boats in operation in the Island according to districts in 2017

District	Inboard Engines			Outboard Engines		Non Mechanized Traditional Crafts	Beach seine Crafts
	Multiday Boats		One day Boats	Fiber glass Boats	Mechanized Traditional Crafts		
	Over 50ft	Below 50ft					
.01 Colombo	10	32	19	394	01	318	24
.02 Kalutara	-	391	01	392	-	345	44
.03 Galle	-	624	19	389	241	268	52
.04 Matara	-	1,224	79	773	299	674	07
.05 Tangalla	02	567	22	699	125	610	69
.06 Kalmunai	-	111	78	806	198	1,040	167
.07 Batticaloa	-	374	28	1,387	07	4,893	168
.08 Trincomalee	-	124	15	2,965	23	1,636	191
.09 Mulaithivu	-	-	-	879	-	180	22
.10 Kilinochchi	-	02	-	689	91	215	-
.11 Jaffna	-	90	350	4,141	660	2,038	203
.12 Mannar	-	34	208	2,728	442	839	14
.13 Puttalam	01	51	-	2,699	209	1,388	181
.14 Chilaw	08	495	-	1,841	09	1,437	08
.15 Negombo	05	353	58	1,650	02	1,437	05
Total	26	4,472	877	22,432	2,307	16,423	1,155

1.9. Details of the approved cadre of the Department as at 31.12.2017.

Designation	Approved Cadre	Present Cadre	Vacancies
1. Director General - (Sri Lanka Administrative Service -Supra Grade)	01	01	-
2. Director (Admin) - (Sri Lanka Administrative Service - Grade 1)	01	01	
3. Director (Industry) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
4. Director (Management) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
5. Chief Accountant - (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service – Grade 1)	01	01	-
6. Chief Internal Auditor - (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service – Grade 1)	01	01	-
7. Accountant Supplies (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service-Grade 1)	01	01	-
8. Legal Officer - (Departmental – Grade I/II)	01	-	01
9. Marine Engineer - (Departmental Service – Grade I/II /III)	01	01	-
10. Deputy/Assistant Director (Biologist) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-
11. Deputy/Assistant Director (Socio-economy) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-
12. Deputy/Assistant Director (Admin) - (Sri Lanka Administrative Service-Grade II/III)	02	02	-
13. Deputy /Assistant Director (Management) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	02	02	-
14. Deputy /Assistant Director (Industries) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-
15. Deputy /Assistant Director (Quality Control)- (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	02	02	-
16. Deputy /Assistant Director (Technology) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	02	-	02
17. Deputy /Assistant Director (District)- (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	26	21	05
18. Civil Engineer - (Sri Lanka Engineering Service I/II/III)	01	01	
19. Accountant - (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service 11/111)	01	01	-
20. Administrative Officer- (Combined Service)	01	01	-
21. Marine Surveyor- (Departmental Service)	04	-	04
22. Information and Communication Technology Officer – (Sri Lanka Information Technology Service)	02	03	-
23. Translator -(Combined Service)	02	02	-
24. Programme Manager - (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
25. Quality Control Officer- (Departmental Service)	10	06	04
26. Programme Assistant -(Departmental Service)	01	01	-
27. Fisheries Resources Management Assistant- (Departmental Service)	02	02	-
28. Development Officer -(Combined Service)	284	225	59
29. Fisheries Officer (Departmental Service)	225	78	147

Designation	Approved Cadre	Present Cadre	Vacancies
30. Transport Officer- (Departmental Service)	01	-	01
31. Chief Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
32. Senior Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	05	05	-
33. Junior Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	62	45	17
34. Supervising Officer- (Departmental Service)	12	03	09
35. Technical Officer- (Departmental Service)	02	01	01
36. Draftsman (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	01	-	01
37. Marine Engineering Assistant (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	15	11	04
38. Marine Engineering Assistant- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
39. Public Management Assistant- (Combined Service)	143	107	36
40. Information and Communication Technology Assistant – (Sri Lanka Information Technology Service)	02	02	-
41. Work Supervisor (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	01	01	-
42. Fisheries Licensing Officers- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
43. Fisheries Social Development Officer- (Departmental Service)	24	12	12
44. Fisheries Inspector- (Departmental Service)	48	48	-
45. Driver Service- (Combined Service)	25	19	06
46. K.K.S.- (Combined Service)	73	63	10
47. Preventive Sergeant- (Departmental Service)	02	01	01
48. Preventive Guard- (Departmental Service)	03	03	-
49. Bus Conductor- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
50. Bungalow Keeper - (Departmental Service)	03	01	02
Total	1006	682	324

Assistant Director (Quality Control) and Assistant Director (Departmental) are covering up the duties in the vacant posts of Director (Management) and Director (Industries).

Duties in 04 vacant posts of Assistant Director (District) are being covered up by 04 Fisheries Inspectors- Grade-1.

One Information and Communication Technology Officer (Sri Lanka Information Technology Service) is in excess of the Cadre. One Translator is employed on contract basis.

2. Fisheries Management Division

2.1 Objective:-

Main objective of this division is to attain sustainable development in the fisheries sector of Sri Lanka by way of Conservation, Management and Development of fishery resources in Sri Lankan waters as well as High Seas.

2.2 Functions:-

The following functions are performed by the division for achieving the above objective.

- Formulation and implementation of fisheries regulations
- Registration of fishing vessels
- Mortgaging of fishing vessels
- Issue of fisheries operational licences
- Issue of fish re-exporting permits for foreign vessels.
- Issue of import, export and re-export permits for ornamental fish
- Issue of permits for catching, possession, transportation and export of beach de-mer and lobsters
- Issue of permits for transportation and export of chanks, sea shells and shark fins
- Registration of Beach Seine Harbours and owners and issue of permits for beach seines
- Issue of identity cards for fishermen
- Repatriation of fishermen stranded and apprehended in foreign countries
- Provision of dry rations for affected fisher families
- Establishment of Fisheries Management Areas, Fisheries Committees and authorities and formulation and implementation of Fisheries Development Management Plans through the said institutions.
- Establishment of fisheries organizations and fishery management committees at landing sites, divisional secretariat and provincial level and national level committees, and formulation and implementation of fisheries development plans through them.
- Training of multiday boat skippers
- Collection and analysis of data on fisheries industry & fisher folk
- Resolving disputes in fisheries sector
- Making the boat owners, skippers and crews engaged in high seas fishing operations aware of the rules and the conventions relating to the regional agreements.
- Making the fishermen and boat owners engaged in coastal fishing activities aware of the strategies and rules for a responsible fisheries industry.
- Training and making aware of the fisheries officers and other stakeholders about the rules and regional conventions relating to the high seas and coastal fisheries industry.

2.3. Performance in 2017

2.3.1. Legal action against illegal fishing activities, and steps of Regulations, Acts and terms to be enforced under Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Act No. 02 of 1996.

No.	Legal action	Progress
1.	Legal action against the violation of the regulations enforced under the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Act No. 02 of 1996-to end the use of destructive fishing gear	427 cases have been filed
2.	Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Act No. 11 of 2017	Approved by parliament
3	Fisheries(Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats (Amendment)	To be obtained A G's approval
4	Fisheries and Aquatic Resources No 2 of 1996 (Amendment) (Obstruct of Authorized officer)	To be obtained A G's approval
5	Prohibition of Use of Spears in Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2017. No. 2008/31 - 03.03.2017	Published by Gazette
6	Prohibition of Catching Fish Species Thambuwa (<i>cephalapholis sonnerati</i>) Regulations 2 Published by Gazette 017. No.2014/4 – 11.04.2017	Published by Gazette
7	Fish and Fishery Products, Export, Import and Re-export Management Regulations 2017. No. 2023/51 – 15.06.2017	Published by Gazette
8	Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulations 2015 (amendment) No. 2027/31 – 13.07.2017	Published by Gazette
9	Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources within Sri Lanka Waters No. 2008/30 - 03.03.2017	Published by Gazette
10	Regulation of vessel monitoring and Data Management in Sri Lanka Waters, by means of electronic log data system regulations.	Draft stage
11	export of Cultured Coral Species on Artificial Substrates regulations 2017	To be obtained the LD's Approval
12	Blue Swimming crab fishing operation Regulations 2017.	Draft stage

No.	Legal action	Progress
13	East coast (Ampara District) Fisheries Management Area. No. 2036/27 – 13.09.2017	Published by Gazette
14	Fisheries Management committee had been established and registered for Thalan Lagoon Fisheries Management Area published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/20 – 15.12.2016 (No. 2027/33 – 13.07.2017)	Published by Gazette
15	Fisheries Management committee had been established and registered for Madampa Lagoon Fisheries Management Area published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/17 – 15.12.2016 (No. 2027/33 – 13.07.2017)	Published by Gazette
16	Fisheries Management committee had been established and registered for Koggala Lagoon Fisheries Management Area published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/18 – 15.12.2016 (No. 2027/33 – 13.07.2017)	Published by Gazette
17	Fisheries Management committee had been established and registered for Garanduwa Lagoon Fisheries Management Area published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/19 – 15.12.2016 (No. 2027/33 – 13.07.2017)	Published by Gazette

2.3.2. Sustainable Management, Regulation and Development of fisheries activities in accordance with the National & International Laws and Conventions.

Activities	Principle Performance Index	Target	Achievement of targets	progress
Registrations of Boats. (Sea Water)	First time registration and issue of Registration Certificate.	1500	1348	90%
Registration of Boats. (Fresh Water)	First time registration and issue of Registration Certificate.	400	246	62%
Issue of fishing operation licences (Sea water)	Issue of High Seas Fishing Operations licences	1500	1427	95%

Activities	Principle Performance Index	Target	Achievement of targets	progress
Maintaining a method of regulating the fishing operations at High Seas	Issue of log books for IMUL boats	5000	4874	97%
	Collection of log entries of the fishers.	20000	44250	221%
	Issue of skipper licences	1000	686	68%
Ensure the fishermen's Identity.	Issue of identities for the Fishermen	2000	1922	96%
Regulation of beach seine fishery.	Issue of beach seine licences	985	647	65%
Promotion and regulation of ornamental fisheries industry.	Issue of licences for the export of ornamental fish	70	68	97%
	Issue of licences for the import of ornamental fish	75	62	82%
	Issue of licences for the transport of ornamental fish	25	14	56%
Regulation of lobster related fisheries activities.	Issue of licences for the export of lobsters	120	111	92%
	Issue of permits for keeping lobsters in possession.	30	31	103%
Regulation of chank fisheries.	Issue of permits for the export of chanks.	20	26	130%
	Issue of permits for transport and keeping chanks in	35	48	137%
Regulation of beach De-mer fisheries activities.	Issue of permits for the export of beach- de- mer	50	53	106%
	Issue of permits for transport and keeping beach- de- mer in possession	60	75	125%

Activities	Principle Performance Index	Target	Achievement of targets	progress
Regulation of the other fisheries activities	Issue of permits to export marine organisms cultured on artificial substrates	15	04	26%
	Issue of permits for the transport of dead sea shells.	licenses were not issued in 2017		
	Issue of permits for the transport of dead sea shells for fancy goods industry.	50	37	74%
	Obtaining harbour services and facilities by foreign vessels	34	53	155%

2.3.3. Progress of Boat Skipper Training Programme:

District	Ocean University		CINEC Campus		Total No.of Participants
	No. of programmes	No.of Participants	No. of Programmes	No.of Participants	
01.Galle	05	114	07	443	557
02.Negombo	24	592	-	-	592
03.Puttlam	-	-	03	134	134
04.Tangalle	31	800	-	-	800
05.Matara	-	-	07	222	222
06.Batticaloa	11	271	-	-	271
07.Kalutara	10	260	-	-	260
08.Trincomalee	04	92	-	-	92
09.Jaffna	02	40	-	-	40
10.Chilaw	-	-	03	227	227
Total No	87	2169	20	1026	3195

2.3.4. Progress of trainings and awareness programme

Programme Description	No.of Days	No.of Programmes	No.of Participants
1.Higher Course in Court Procedures	20	02	54
2.Training and awareness programme for Naval Officers, Police officers and Coast Guard Officers	07	05	742
3.Fish handling & quality maintenance	01	01	40
4.Leadership Programme	03	01	65
5.Capacity building “ kalapuwak samaga gamak Programme”	02	01	60
6. Awareness Programme on E-Logbook and IUU Fishing Activities.	01	01	111
7.Elog book application training	02	01	64
8.Making aware of fisher community about the coastal and deep sea fisheries activities	04	04	338
9. Making aware of fisher community about the coastal fisheries activities	01	01	85
Total	41	17	1559

3. Fisheries Industries Division

3.1. Objective:-

The main responsibility of the Fisheries Industries Division is to take necessary steps to increase the fish production and upgrade the socio economic standard of fisher folk by developing and regulating the fisheries industry through efficient and environmental friendly technological methodologies for the purpose of making a greater contribution to the Sri Lankan economy.

3.2. Main role:-

Accordingly, the main role of the Division is as follows.

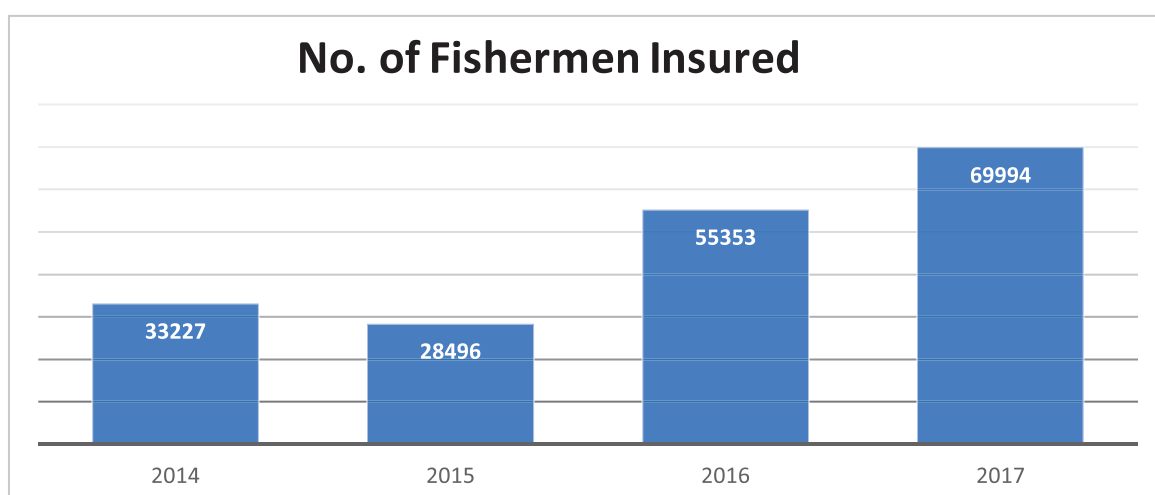
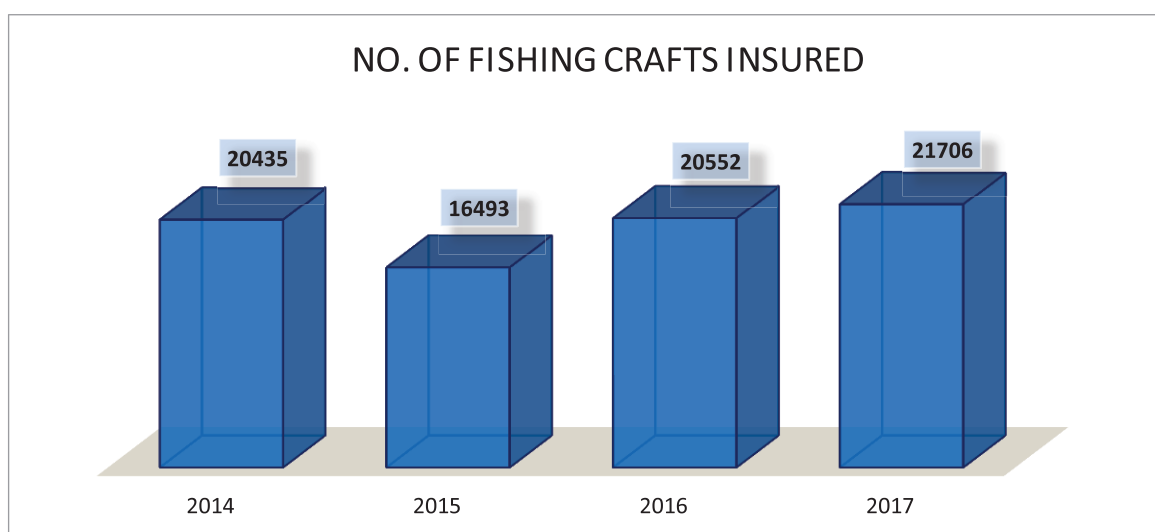
- Registration, regulation and supervision of manufacturing establishments of fishing boats
- Giving approval for the designs of fishing boats
- Registration, regulation and supervision of fishing gear suppliers
- Registration of fishers and fisheries societies
- Introduction and promotion of new technological methodologies into the fisheries sector
- Giving recommendations for EIA reports pertaining to the coastal constructions
- Development of infrastructure facilities relevant to the fisheries sector
- Implementation of alternative income generating programmes
- Implementation of fisheries subsidy schemes
- Fisheries loan schemes
- Fisheries social protection through the implementation of fisheries insurance scheme and fisheries pension scheme
- Coordinating the activities of rescuing victims affected by disasters at sea and the relief work thereto.

The division also carries out the preparation of annual action plan of the Department and coordinates the progress review and special fisheries issues in coordination with all the district offices.

3.3. Performance in 2017

3.3.1. Regulation of fisheries industry to ensure the safety of fishers and fishing boats

Activity	Progress in the year 2017
Total number of fishing boats insured	21706
Total number of fishers insured	69994
No. of fishers who joined the fisheries pension scheme	2427
Issue of marine fitness certificates	14147
Registration of boat yards	44
Registration of fishing gear suppliers	24



3.3.2. Fisheries Insurance:

Considering the risk nature faced by the fishers various insurance schemes are underway in order to ensure the economic security of their families. A disaster insurance cover was introduced for the fishermen by the government in the year 2016, for which no charges are recovered from the beneficiary.

In the case of a death of a fisherman due to an accident one million insurance cover is paid to the dependents of his family. This programme is being implemented in coordination with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the National Insurance Trust Fund. Under this insurance, claims have been made for 24 beneficiary families during the year under review.

3.3.3. “Divi Saura” Fisheries Insurance

The Divisaura Fisheries Accidental insurance scheme implemented by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources jointly with the Ceylinco Insurance PLC covers all types of accidents of life which occur at sea and in the land (death by an accident, being fully or partially disabled and disappearances). Insurance premium (inclusive of all taxes) to be paid by a member per year amounts to Rs.1036.00.

Rupees One million (Rs.1000000) compensation is paid in an accidental death or for being totally and permanently disabled whereas Rupees two lakh (Rs.200, 000) is paid for a natural death by this.

New enrollments for the insurance scheme	39728
Renewals	2723
No.of fisher families which benefitted under the compensations for natural deaths	21
No.of fisher families which benefitted under compensations for accidental deaths	07

3.3.4. Diyawara Diriya”-Loan Scheme

The Diyawara Diriya low interest fisheries development loan scheme is being implemented by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources jointly with the Bank of Ceylon with the view to improving the fishing boats and providing relief for the fisher folk, thus developing the fisheries industry and taking better fish production through the introduction of new technology.

Loans subject to a maximum of Rs.15 million are granted to a beneficiary under this, of which the interest rate is as follows.

- If the loan amount is below Rs.2 Mn interest rate charged from the beneficiary is 5%.
- If the loan amount is over Rs.2 Mn interest rate charged from the beneficiary is 7%.
- The government provides 4% concession on interest for a beneficiary under this loan scheme.
- When providing loans priority will be given for upgrading fishing yards, manufacturing fishing boats over 55 ft, enhancing the new technology (RSW,CSW),longlines and installation of winch devices.
- Loans have been granted for 435 beneficiaries totaling Rs.1065.28 Mn.

3.3.5. Promotion of fishing boats over 55ft.under the 50% subsidy scheme.

In recognizing the necessity of manufacturing the fishing boats over 55ft.equipped with modern technological equipment for the exploitation of high quality fish harvest the 50% subsidy scheme was implemented as from the year 2016 with a view to directing the fishers towards that end. Under this a sum of Rs.747.50 lakh has been granted for manufacturing 5 fishing boats over 55ft. at a rate of Rs.149.50 million each.



3.3.6. The programme of granting 50% subsidy to improve modern technology in fishing boats.

A 50% subsidy was granted under this to provide / make repairs to longlines, winch devices and cooling system in line with the improvement of technology in fishing boats. Accordingly, a subsidy maximum of Rs.4 lakh each was granted for 50 boats operating in Sri Lanka waters while a subsidy maximum of Rs.12.5 lakh each was granted for boats operating in international waters thus incurring the total provision of Rs.82.5 for the programme.

3.3.7. Alternative income generating programmes:

Under the introduction of alternative income generating projects, activities such as providing technological know how about the production of dried fish and Maldives fish as well as providing basic equipment for the commencement of projects for the selected fisher families especially fisher women were carried out with the objective of improving the post-harvest technology.

Dried fish and Maldives fish production programmes were carried out for 146 beneficiaries in Matara and Kalutara districts under the relevant programme.



3.3.8. “Diyawara Piyasa” Housing and Sanitary Facilities Improvement Programme

This programme was started with the objective of providing housing and sanitary facilities for fisher folks who are not having proper houses and sanitary facilities in fishing villages, under which Rs.3 lakh was granted for a beneficiary for building a house while Rs.one lakh for renovating a house. Further, a sum of Rs.30, 000 was granted for a fishing family not having a toilet for the construction of a toilet and Rs.15, 000/- for renovation to an existing one.

Accordingly, three model housing schemes have been started at Kirimundalama in Puttalam, Sagarapura in Trincomalee and Viharamahadevipura in Tangalle.

Model Village	No.of houses	Cost Rs.Million
Housing project at Kirimundala ,Puttalam	50	15.0
Housing project at Sagarapura, Trincomalee	21	6.3
Housing project at Viharamahadevipura, Tangalle	44	13.2
Total	115	34.5

Apart from that a sum of Rs.220.9 Mn for 2147 beneficiaries to renovate houses while another sum of Rs.75.42 Mn for 2771 beneficiaries with regard to sanitary facilities have been spent respectively.



Housing Scheme at Sagarapura Trincomalee





Housing
Scheme at
Kirimundalama
Puttalam

3.3.9. Development of Infrastructure Facilities:

Various infrastructure development projects were carried out covering all the fisheries districts on behalf of the fisher folk under the development projects. Activities such as development of landing sites, construction of jetties, providing beacon lamps, development of access roads, improvement to fish sale outlets, construction of net making centres/community halls and deepening river mouths and lagoons were carried out in line with this.

Accordingly, 22 projects were carried to develop landing sites out incurring a sum of Rs.49.05 Mn . The total amount of provision incurred for the development of infrastructure facilities was Rs.112.05 Mn.



Renovation of Wannimundalama
Multipurpose Building



Construction of light shades at Kallukullia

4. Fishery Products Quality Control Division.

4.1. Aim

This division was established under the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements laid down by the European Commission with regard to the fish products exported to the European market. The division has been operating since 04.01.1999.

4.2 Objective

Main objective of this Division is to ensure the high quality and safety of fish products exported to the international market by Sri Lanka for human consumption under the implementation of Fish Products (Export) Regulations published in 1998.

4.3. Activities

To achieve the above objectives, the following activities are being undertaken by the Quality Control Division.

- Issue of licences for fish processing establishments.
- Giving authority for fish processing establishments to process fish for export.
- Regular inspection of fish processing establishments.
- Inspection of landing sites.
- Inspection of fishing boats supplying fish for export.
- Inspection of transportation of fish (raw materials) from landing sites to the processing plants.
- Issue of health certificates for each consignment of fish/ fishery products for export.
- Approve the laboratories issuing test reports for ensuring the safety of export fish products.
- Conduct the official sampling programme in order to test the samples obtained from relevant places, at the laboratories.
- Taking appropriate action whenever necessary against the processing establishments, boats & landing sites not complying with the conditions laid down in the regulations.
- Taking appropriate action against the complaints received with regard to the lack of safety of fish products to be exported.
- Organizing and conducting awareness programmes on the quality & safety of fish and fishery products as well as on fish handling for the crews in boats which are supplying fish for export.
- Organizing and conducting awareness programmes in order to control antibiotics and chemicals used for aquaculture products (Prawns) under the residue monitoring programme of aquaculture products.
- Issue of fish catch certificates

4.4. Progress – 2017

4.4.1. Fish production, quality control and minimizing of post-harvest losses.

4.4.2.Registration of new fish processing establishments and renewal of registration.

Progress of the registration of fish processing establishments - 2017

The number of fish processing establishments of which the registration was renewed in the year under review	52
New fish packing centers included in the list	05
No.of EU processing factories	33
No.of non EU processing factories	07
Packing centers (China & other countries)	17

4.4.3.Issue of Heath Certificates.

Health certificates are issued by the Quality Control Division for each exporting consignment according to the requirements of the importing country. Rs. 200/- is charged for a health certificate.

Main export markets:

European Union Countries

USA

Japan

China

Russia

Middle East countries

Progress of issuing health certificates - 2017

No.of health certificates issued	33,787
No.of catch certificates issued	8,994
Amount credited to the state revenue from the earnings of health certificates	Rs. 6.737 Million

4.4.4.Sea food exported under Health Certificates:**Progress of sea food export and earnings foreign exchange - 2017**

Amount of sea food exported in the year 2017	13,000 Mt
Amount of foreign exchange earned from fish export	Rs. 39,230 Million

4.4.1.Official Sampling Programme

Details of samples obtained from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017.

Places from which the samples were collected	Sample type	No. of samples collected
Fish processing establishments	Micro biological analysis	
	Water	20
	Ice	20
	Shrimp/ Fish	105
	Chemical analysis	
	Histamine	125
	Heavy metals	19
Prawn farms.	Chemical analysis	
	Pesticides	07
	Heavy metals	07
	Antibiotics	39
	Mycotoxin	06

5. Monitoring, Controlling & Surveillance Division

5.1. Objective:

Main objective of this division is to protect fishing community by way of providing radio communication transmission facilities in between fishing vessels engaged in fishing operations in and off the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka and the land, rescuing fishermen and fishing crafts affected due to the engine trouble, emergencies and falling sick at the sea, lifesaving and taking any other urgent preventive measures and facilitating to claim insurance cover in accidents encountered by boats and fishermen.

5.2. Responsibility and Role

1. Providing communication facilities for the exchange of radio signals in between land and vessels, and also carrying out such work.
2. Making arrangements to issue licences for communication purposes to the fishing vessels.
3. Taking action to claim insurance cover in accidents faced by boats and fishers
4. Rescue of fishermen & fishing crafts arrested in foreign countries and repatriation of them to the country.
5. Rescue of fishing boats stranded in local & international waters and at the sea belonging to foreign countries.
6. Activation of the first vessel monitoring system.
7. Providing daily weather reports and weather advisories.

5.3. Progress-2017

5.3.1. Providing communication facilities for the exchange of radio signals in between land and vessels and also carrying out such work.

All these activities are coordinated by the main Operation Unit in Colombo through messages received via fisheries communication centers. Communication facilities were improved and also action has been taken to keep connection between the land and fishing vessels throughout 24 hours. Similarly, providing and receiving reports, messages of boat owners, giving weather advisories as well as urgent messages given by boats are carried out by this unit every day.

Coordination of operations in respect of all these tasks is carried out at the head office, Colombo. In addition, regional radio communication centers have been established regionally at Kalpitiya, Chilaw, Thoduwawa, Koswadiya, Wennappuwa, Negombo, Colombo, Beruwela, Ambalangoda, Mirissa, Hikkaduwa, Galle, Weligama, Devinuwara, Nilwella, Kudawella, Tangalle, Kalametiya, Hambantota, Kirinda, Kalmunai and Trincomalee for this purpose.

It has also been proposed to commence these regional centres at the fishery harbours such as Jaffna, Valachchenai and Dikowita.

5.3.2. Taking action to provide licences and call signs to the fishing vessels for communication purposes.

Action was taken to provide call signs for fishing vessels engaged in fishing operations at High Seas so as to comply with international rules and regulations in collaboration with the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and the Ministry of Defence.

Measures were also taken to provide communication licences for fishing boats to use radio communication devices for a period of five years at the same time in accordance with the international rules and regulations by obtaining applications from boat owners and working in collaboration with the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.

No.of fishing boats issued with licences to use radio communication devices	1050
No.of fishing boats issued with call signs for radio communication devices	752

5.3.3. Taking action to claim insurance cover in accidents encountered by fishing boats and fishers.

In the case of accidents encountered by fishing boats and fishers at sea, all the details required in the process of obtaining insurance claims by them and dealing in that regard are provided to the insurance corporations and vessel owners. Such details are provided in respect of about 50-100 fishing boats per year. These details are prepared according to the records obtained from the regional offices and Head Office.

Number of accidents reported at the sea in 2017	93
Number of fishers who got injured at the sea due to accidents	11
Number of deaths due to accidents at the sea	07
Number of fishing boats destroyed due to accidents	10

5.3.4. Rescue of fishermen and fishing boats arrested in foreign countries and repatriation of them to the country.

Country	No.of fishers taken into custody	No.of fishing boats taken into custody	No. of fishers rescued	No. of fishing boats rescued
India	59	12	59	09

In this rescue mission, assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the officers of the Sri Lanka's High Commission in India was also obtained.

5.3.5. Rescue of fishing boats stranded in local & international waters and at the sea belonging to the foreign countries.

No. of fishers rescued	No. of fishing boats rescued
315	64

Most of these fishing crafts belonging to the counties such as India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Maldives, Andaman/Nicobar Islands, Australia and Diego-Garcia were stranded at the sea due to engine failures. Therefore, measures were taken to rescue such fishing crafts by the vessels of Sri Lanka Navy, Cargo ships and fishing boats. Also, persons who met with accidents and those who fell sick at the sea were taken into the land and hospitalized with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Navy.

5.3.6. Making aware of fisher folks

Contribution was made to carry out awareness programmes for fisher folks. Under this fishers were given instructions for the safety of lives and also made them aware of the manner to be followed in an emergency situation and how to take emergency help in contact with the land. Also they were made aware of the steps to be followed to protect lives from storms occurring due to sudden weather changes. In addition they were made aware of how to obtain radio communication licences..

5.3.7. Implementation of first Vessel Monitoring System

The first pilot project of vessel monitoring system was implemented for 50 vessels and monitoring of all such activities, obtaining reports and referring them to the relevant places was also executed. This was the first vessel monitoring system taken to get the fish export ban lifted by European Union. No any officer was recruited for this outside and the activities of this system have been successfully carried out by the radio officers attached to the unit.

The system which was inactive later was reactivated and handed over to the Monitoring and Surveillance Unit.

6. High Seas Fisheries Division

6.1. Vision:

To provide optimum contribution towards the national economy by strengthening socio economic status of fishing community having established a responsible fisheries culture through monitoring, controlling and managing fisheries activities at High Seas.

6.2. Mission:

To provide productive contribution towards the national economy by means of sustainable development of the fisheries industry carried out through lawful fisheries activities at High Seas while adhering to the international conventions and agreements having introduced modern technology and applied scientific and network coordination strategies for monitoring and controlling.

6.3. Objectives:

1. Issue of relevant verification reports to ensure internationally that the fish caught by registered fishing boats of Sri Lanka carrying out fishing operations at high seas has been caught with accurate reports in an appropriate manner free from IUU practices.
2. Live connection of principle stakeholders such as all the (20) fisheries harbours, regional offices, Vessel Monitoring Centre, Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard Corps centering the High Seas Fisheries Unit via network connection with 24/7 duty roster.
3. Insertion of information relevant to the fishing activities at High Seas and within the EEZ limit into the main web based data base in order to ensure the timely and accurate provision of fisheries data which is bound to be provided at local and regional level.
4. Investigation into the findings of border crossings and VMS off in respect of the High Seas fishing operations and instituting legal proceedings against them, and also to introduce a computer related automatically marking scheme for identifying and reporting risk vessels highly violating laws at High Seas, and depending on the said marks, information of high risk vessels is provided to the relevant division.

6.4. Activities:

- 6.4.1. Taking information of vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations and Management of such information.
- 6.4.2. Verification of information of vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations.
- 6.4.3. Inserting log reports into the data base and management of them.
- 6.4.4. Investigation into the findings and instituting legal proceedings.

6.4.1. Taking information of vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations and management of such information.

- (i). Taking information of harbour arrivals, departures, border crossing pertaining to each day from VMS unit (in the form of E-mail and copies).
- (ii). Preparation of the letter for the purpose of sending the arrivals pertaining to the day, to the relevant district and find out as to whether the relevant vessels have been engaged in IUU activities.
- (iii). Bringing the letter pertaining to the arrivals, to the attention of the assistant director and delivering the said letter to the high seas units of the respective harbours and Assistant Directors' offices via fax and e-mail.
- (iv). Intimating the harbour arrivals pertaining to the day to the harbours of the respective districts over the phone and obtaining log sheets via fax or e-mail.
- (v). After the receipt of such log sheets they are entered in a register and sent to the verification Unit.
- (vi). Referring the border crossing to the attention of the Assistant Director.
- (vii). Maintenance of an updated data base on high seas vessels and reporting the harbours of them via e-mail every day.
- (viii). Maintenance of a report on vessels which were affected by informed disasters.
- (ix). Maintenance of a record on fax messages received by the unit.
- (x). Updating the information pertaining to multiday boats in the Departmental website.
- (xi). Taking weather reports and intimating the same to the harbours through email.
- (xii). Getting a report on fish abundant places from NARA and making aware of fisher folk through harbours.
- (xiii). Maintaining a possible IUU vessel list and sending the same to the importers daily via email.
- (xiv). To identify fishing boats with VMS off for a period of more than 48 hours and those involved in border crossing daily and intimating the relevant boat owners of the same (through letters) and asking explanations.
- (xv). Issue of licence No. for the EEZ fishing boats
- (xvi). Sending a daily report on late log sheets to the importers and to the relevant District Assistant Directors through E-mail.
- (xvii). Maintaining an information file containing the reasons regarding the fishing operations of which log sheets have not been sent.
- (xviii). Maintaining a Risk Vessel List having identified the boats which engaged in IUU practices and intimating the relevant officers, harbours, VMS Unit, Management Division, of the same through e-mail.

6.4.2.Verification of information of vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations.

- (i). Receipt of information from sub unit to the Log Sheet Verification unit.
- (ii).Recording information at the Log Sheet Verification Unit
- (iii).Receipt of VMS maps of fishing operations and details with regard to them by the Log Sheet Verification Unit via E-mail.
- (iv).Recording such VMS information by downloading into the data file of the internal network.
- (v). Preparation of verification report by comparing log sheet and maps & information of Fishing operations relating to them.
- (vi).Directing such verification reports certified by the Assistant Director of High Seas Unit to the Quality Control Division.
- (vii).Verification reports are not issued when the log sheets and the relevant information of VMS maps are not tallied or the laws & rules relating to the high seas fishing operations have been violated or not adhered to. Further, a letter intimating the same will be issued with a copy to the boat owner and to the Assistant Director of District.
- (viii).In the case of fishing operations which are found to have violated laws & rules relating to the high seas fisheries activities (Illegal fishing while entering into EEZs of other countries, engaging in fishing operations at the sea more than a day having disconnected VMS without notice) they will be directed to the Investigation Division through Asst. Director for the purpose of taking legal action.

6.4.3.Inserting log reports into the data base and management of them.

- (i). Receipt of log sheets pertaining to the high seas fishing activities by the Verification Unit via Fax while the log sheets pertaining to the EEZ fishing activities by post.
- (2). Recording the number of log sheets received by the unit.
- (3).High seas log sheets are received together with the EEZ log sheets. Log sheets not inserted into Access data base are separated and thereafter, all the log sheets including the said sheets are given to the data entry operators in order to insert them into Access data base and main web based data base.
- (4).Insertion of basic particulars such as registration number of the boat, boat name, owner's name, address, Identify Card No. and details of fishing gear .etc. in the first page of the log book.
- (5). Particulars mentioned in the log sheets such as fishing date, latitude and altitude of the location where fishing was done, particulars of the net used, type of the bait used, amount and weight of fish, are entered into the main web based data base.
- (6). Subsequent to the insertion of log sheets into the main web based data base EEZ sheets are filed relevant to the district whereas the High Seas sheets are filed relevant to the boat number.
- (7). Incomplete log sheets which cannot be inserted into the main web based data base are selected and filed relevant to the district.

- (8).Files are maintained to file the covering letters and progress reports received together with log sheets and original pages from all the District Fisheries Offices and these files are updated weekly.
- (9). A trained officer has been appointed to insert the information of log sheets and first pages received from Galle, Matara, Kalutara, Tangalle, Batticaloa and Kalmunai district fisheries offices into the main web based system at the same district offices itself and he//she emails the summary report, prepared by obtaining the progress reports entered into the main web based system weekly, to the relevant divisions and the officers concerned.
- (10).Coordination over the phones in the issues arising at the time of the information and the data in the log sheets and the original pages received from Galle, Matara, Kalutara, Tangalle, Batticaloa and Kalmunai district offices being entered .
- (11).Submission of a summary report on the progress of the district fisheries offices and High Seas Log Unit to the relevant divisions weekly.

6.4.4.Investigation into the information and taking legal action.

- (i).Provide information to the Asst. Director (HSFU) by PMC in respect of border crossing/ VMS off.
- (ii).Provide information to the Assistant Director by Assistant Director of the district in respect of departure for fishing operations without licences /departure for fishing operations when licences are cancelled.
- (iii).Provision of information in the above (i), (ii) to the Investigation Unit by the Assistant Director (HSFU).
- (iv).Forwarding letters of intimation on the above (i) to the boat owner/the relevant Assistant Director of District/Suspension of the boat trips
- (v).Taking information and power to the Special Raid Unit/ Investigation Division to execute raids in connection with the above (ii).
- (vi).Taking further action regarding the responses received in respect of the letters sent pertaining to the above (iv) (Eg.(I).Summoning the owner and the boat skipper to the Head office for mediation, (II).Instructing the District Fisheries Offices to institute legal proceedings.)
- (vii).Filing log cases and directing to the Mediation Board to recover fines according to the details receive from the Assistant Director in respect of the offences found at the verification of log sheets.
- (viii).Sending references for mediation to the Director General by the Legal Officer/ prosecuting by district officers.
- (ix). Taking action such as suspension of trips, licences and giving warnings. etc. upon the instructions of the Director General.
- (x). Any other investigations assigned by the Director General

6.5 Progress – 2017

6.5.1.Obtaining information of vessels engaged in fishing operations at high seas and management of them.

1	No. of fishing operations completed at High – Seas	10,560
2	No. of log book copies received by the Unit pertaining to the high seas fishing operations.	12,784

6.5.2.Verification of details of the vessels engaged in fishing operations at High Seas.

1.	No. of verification reports issued in relation to the fishing operations	9,682
2.	No. of intimations made to the boat owners who failed to give verification reports.	258

6.5.3.Inserting data of log reports into stores and management of them.

1.	No. of log pages of which data was inserted into stores.	36,901
2.	No. of log pages incomplete and erroneously filled	1,913
3.	No. of Intimations made to the boat owners with regard to erroneously perfected and incomplete log pages.	79

6.5.4.Examining the information and taking legal action:-

1.	No. of border crossings reported through VMS.	54
2.	VMS devices off.	385
3.	Obtaining statements pertaining to IUU matters	79
4.	Cancellation of pilot licences.	37
5.	Cancellation of vessel departure.	452
6.	Cancellation of vessel operation licences.	-
7.	Instruction for instituting legal proceedings.	09
8.	Charging administrative fines.	87
9.	Warnings.	514

7. Vessel Monitoring System Unit

Commencement of VMS Unit-25.06.2015

7.1. Mission:-

The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has implemented satellite based vessel monitoring system to monitor the moment of 1500 high sea vessels registered under the Department in complying with the resolution of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) to combat, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing for the sustainable development of the fish resources adhering to international laws and the conventions of the sea.

7.2. Strategies:-

Monitoring the latest positions of vessels at sea via the International maritime satellite (Inmarsat) system C by Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) established under the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

7.3. Activities Carried out in 2017:-

- Transferred VMS transponders non-operated high sea boats to newly licensed high sea boats.
- Trained of FMC staff members.
- Established new strategies to upgrade the existing system.
- Obtained technical expertise from the project proponent for the up and running of the VMS.
- Notified updated vessel wise position reports of all the fishing vessels to High Sea division Reported details about the interruption of VMS device (silent vessels).
- Reported border crossing information to high sea division.
- Tracked Distress vessels and disseminated relevant information to MCS division to follow up search and rescue operation.
- Received reports on the following information at 7.00 a.m, 2.00 p.m and 10.00 p.m. and circulated among relevant divisions.
- Obtained report on harbour arrivals and the maps of each boat and disseminated those information to relevant divisions.
- Obtained reports on boats arriving at 48 Km Buffer Zone disseminated those information to relevant divisions.
- Obtained report on boat involved in border crossing and notify the high sea unit to take action
- Obtained departure vessels report

- Obtained BAPTO report from vessels daily and notify the high sea unit to take action.
- Obtained power down report and notify high sea unit for further action.
- Obtained power up report and notify relevant units
- Obtained the report on silent vessels within a time period and notify high sea unit
- Issuance of departure code to vessels while departing the harbour.

7.4. Progress – 2017

7.4.1. Strengthen the VMS activities

DFAR has installed 10 VPN tokens in harbour operating units in under mentioned harbours enabling to locate the movement of the respective fishing vessels to cater the needs of boat owner specially in distress situation.

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|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Dicovitta | 2. Negombo | 3. Beruwella | 4. Ambalangoda | 5. Hikkaduwa |
| 6. Galle | 7. Dondra | 8. Mirrissa | 9. Kudawella | 10. Hambantoda |

- We have trained nearly 25 harbour operating officers to access the Vtrack system to monitor the vessel movement.
- Further training on VMS was contacted by FAO expert in Colombo to the FMC staffs.

7.4.2. Obtaining updated information once every 4 hour daily and reporting.

Progress of the power down of the VMS device, boats involved in border crossings ,and wrecked boats reported through inspection of distress alerts ,during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 by obtaining updated information once every 4 hour daily from VMS.

Serial No.	Description	No.
01.	Power down of VMS device.	985
02.	Border crossings of other countries	54
03.	No.of wrecked boats reported through inspection of distress alerts	74

7.4.3. Transferred VMS transponders installed in non-operated high sea boats to newly licensed high sea boats.

Serial No.	Description	No.
01.	No of transferred VMS devices.	38
02.	No of faulty VMS devices returned	05

7.4.4. Issuance of departure codes

A mechanism has been introduced to issue VMS departure code to each vessel on every departure upon careful study of the vessel's past fishing trip records, in par with existing laws.

Harbour	No of departure codes
Hikkaduwa	120
Mirissa	796
Kalpitiya	05
Kottegoda	281
Beruwella	2131
Valaichenai	95
Ambalangoda	490
Kirinda	29
Pointpedro	02
Nilwella	250
Negombo	856
Oluwil	36
Hambantoda	166
Tangalle	458
Trinco	1187
Kudawella	1722
Dicowitta	1051
Dondra	1499
Galle	1655

7.4.5. Obtaining reports on following information at 7.00 a.m., 02.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Report	Time	No
Obtaining report on harbour arrivals and the maps of each boat.	7.00.a.m.	03 reports
	2.00 p.m.	
	10.00p.m.	
Obtaining reports on boats arriving at 48 Km Buffer Zone	7.00a.m.	03 reports
	2.00p.m.	
	10.00p.m.	
Obtaining reports on boat involved in border crossing	7.00a.m.	03 reports
	2.00p.m.	
	10.00p.m.	
Obtaining departure vessels report	2.00p.m.	01 report
Obtaining BAPTO report	2.00p.m.	01 report
Obtaining power down report of its interior battery after two days of the power down	2.00p.m.	01 report
Obtaining power up report	2.00p.m.	01 report
Obtaining the report on silent vessels within a short Period	2.00.p.m.	01 report
Obtaining the report on missing data within a short period.	2.00p.m.	01 report

8. Brackish Water Fisheries Management Division

8.1. Objective:-

Sri Lanka has 116 lagoons and estuaries along its coastline. These brackish water lagoons protect coastal areas and coastal dwellers from extreme natural phenomena while contributing towards the food security of the country and generating livelihood for the hundreds of fishing community living around the lagoons.

The main objective of this division is to conserve and manage the aquatic resources in and around the lagoon ecosystems and to develop the lagoon ecosystems scattered throughout the coastline of Sri Lanka.



8.2. Functions

- Conservation, management and control of aquatic resources in and around the lagoon ecosystems
- Designation of management areas in and around the lagoon ecosystem
- Establishment of Fisheries Committees in the lagoon management areas at regional level
- Establishment of fisheries coordination committees and formulation and supervision of Fisheries Management and Development Plan for the conservation and development of aquatic resources within the lagoons.
- Improvement of the infrastructure facilities and landing sites around the lagoons.
- Implementation of livelihood development programmes for the lagoon fishers
- Releasing fingerlings into lagoons and aquaculture
- Taking action in respect of controlling illegal activities taking place around the lagoons including the destruction of forest, illegal constructions and garbage disposal, and forwarding of alternative suggestions.
- Collection of information about the traditional knowledge of lagoon fishing activities and making plans to make use of them for the lagoon management.
- Taking action for the formulation of rules and regulations with regard to the conservation, development and regulation of lagoon system in compliance with the timely needs.

8.3. Progress – 2017

8.3.1. Trainings and awareness programmes

The fisher community around the lagoon was made aware of the value of the lagoon ecosystem, impacts caused to the lagoon ecosystem, measures and suggestions to be taken for the development of the lagoon aiming at development and conservation by considering the lagoon ecosystem as a specialized ecosystem.

Fisheries District	Lagoon	No.of programmes	No.of participants
Tangalle	Rekawa Lagoon	01	60
Kalmunai	Panama Lagoon	01	60
Puttalam	Mundalama Lagoon	02	60
Batticaloa	Batticaloa	01	60
Mullaitivu	Nandikadal Lagoon, Nayaru Lagoon	01 01	60
Negombo	Negombo Lagoon	01	60
Galle	Koggala Lagoon	01	60
Chilaw	Chilaw Lagoon	01	60
Trincomalee	Kokilai Lagoon	01	60

8.3.2. The programme for the provision of sanitary facilities for the fisher families-

- Aides for construction of toilets were provided for 2877 beneficiaries of coastal fishing community under the programme of providing sanitary facilities for the fishing families.

8.3.3. “Wewak Samaga Gamak” Development Programme-2017

Projects were implemented around 15 selected villages for the implementation of livelihood development programmes and provision of infrastructure facilities in order to uplift the socio –economic status of fishing community around coastline and lagoons

Summary of programmes carried out under this are given below.

District-Puttalam

Divisional Secretariat Division-Chilaw

Village-Merawala

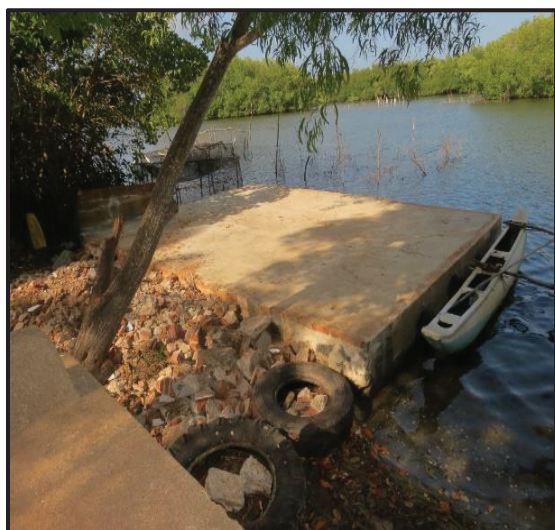
Project	No.of Beneficiaries	Estimated Amount Rs.
Concreting the road in Merawala Harinda area (Length 52 m)	50	399,979.76
Concreting the road commencing from the volleyball court at first lane in Merawala colony.(Length 116 m)	50	899,971.93
Improvement to the landing sites in Harinda area	10	228,500.00
Improvement to the new landing site near the house of Mr. Anthony Bernard	15	400,000.00
Improvement to the new landing site near the house of Mr. Sunny Camillus	15	400,000.00
Stocking Thilapiya fingerlings in Chilaw lagoon	200	112,160.00



Concreting the road in Merawala Harinda area ((Length 52 m)



Concreting the road commencing from the volleyball court at first lane in Merawala colony. ((Length116 m)



Improvement to the landing site in Harinda area



Improvement to the new landing site near the house of Mr. Anthony Bernard

District-Puttalam

Divisional Secretariat Division-Kalpitiya

Village-Wannimundalama

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount Rs.
Renovation of multipurpose building	360	1,935,000.00
Construction of sun shade at the Wannimundalama landing site to anchor fishing boats	60	400,000.00
Development of Wannimundalama landing site with gravel	360	1,000,000.00
Concreting the coastal road ((Length 188 m)	468	1,735,000.00

District-Batticaloa

Divisional Secretariat Division-Koralaipattu North

Village: Panichchankerni

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount Rs.
Graveling Kolani road ((Length 222 m)	734	500,000.00
Concreting the Sallithivu road ((Length 39.5 m)	734	500,000.00
Graveling Kovilkudiirippu road ((Length 165 m)	734	400,000.00
Construction of multipurpose building	734	2,000,000.00

District-Trincomalee

Divisional Secretariat Division-Kuchchaveli

Village-Sagarapura

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount Rs.
Renovation of the multipurpose building and supply of electricity to it	100	619,609.20
Drinking water project	120	1,029,318.62
Concreting the road up to landing site at Sagarapura from the main road ((Length 100 m)	150	1,129,505.16

District –Kilinochchi

Divisional Secretariat Division-Pachilaippalli

Village-Kilali

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Amount Rs.
Tarring the public building road (Length 1.5 km)	80	3,500,000.00

District-Mannar

Divisional Secretariat Division-Mannar

Village-Irukkalampiddi

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount
Tarring the coastal road ((Length 700 M)	1200	2,000,000.00



Tarring the public building road



Tarring the coastal road ((Length 700 m)

District-Hambantota

Divisional Secretariat Division-Hambantota,Tangalle

Village-Pallemalala,Kudawella North,Pahajjawa

Project	No.of Beneficiaries	Estimated Amount Rs.
Renovation of the lake located near the Nalandarama Temple	50	4,113,248.48
Improvement to the road near Pallemalala Katayam Kade by laying concrete blocks ((Length 140 m)	150	1,497,589.62
Improvement to the road near Mr.Elbert Galappaththi by laying concrete blocks ((Length 170 m)	100	1,933,398.13
Improvement to the road near the house of Mr.Y.G.Lionel of Pallemalala ((Length 150 m)	110	1,380,813.17
Improvement to the road near the house of Mr.Symon of Kiriapattiya,Pallemalala ((Length 164 m)	100	1,498,780.37
Improvement to the house of Mrs.S.P.Banduwathi of Pallemalala ((Length 92 m)	50	855,474.49
Construction of drainage system near Polpitiya ((Length 60 m)	500	443,416.36
Construction of a side wall of the Mahawela access road in Kalapugoda,Kudawella ((Length 90 m)	250	1,819,785.70
Construction of the drainage system of the Sahan Wimana 2 nd cross road ((Length 250 m)	200	1,857,398.50
Completion of the remaining work of the drainage system of Dedduwawala road ((Length 138 m)	250	999,999.50
Construction of the drainage system of first cross road ((Length 150 m)	300	1,068,812.16

District-Matara

Divisional Secretariat Division-Weligama

Village-Garaduwa

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount Rs.
Concreting the road leading to Malgaha landing site ((Length 50 M)	300	469,351.28
Renovation to the community hall located near the landing site at Malgaha.	300	43,530.52

District-Kalutara

Divisional Secretariat Division-Kalutara

Village-Katukurunda

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated Amount Rs.
Concreting the road leading to the landing site from the lagoon	150 beneficiaries	1,327,500.00

District-Mullaitivu

Divisional Secretariat Division-Maritimepattu

Village-Nayaru

Project	No.of Beneficiaries	Estimated Amount Rs.
Renovation of the Alampil-Kumulamunai Road (Length 565 m)	600	1,000,000.00

District-Jaffna

Divisional Secretariat Division-Chavakachcheri

Village-Ketpali

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated Amount Rs.
Construction of an open shed for parking boats	204	2,000,000.00

District- Galle

Divisional Secretariat Division-Habaraduwa

Village-Godawatta

Project	No.of beneficiaries	Estimated amount Rs.
Tarring the Thimbrigaha duwa road	2100	370000.00
Renovation of the fence erected in concrete and timber around the land of Harumalgoda East Junior school	142	1838550.00



Construction of an open shed for parking boats

8.3.4. Livelihood development projects carried out under the project “ Wewak Samaga Gamak”

Project	No.of cages made	No.of beneficiaries
Crab fattening in Panichchankerni –Batticaloa	24	24
Crab fattening in Godawatta Village –Galle	04	04
Establishment of a fish therapy center in Godawatta village –Galle	02	01
Crab fattening in Garaduwa-Matara	04	04
Sea weed culture in Irrukkalampiddi, Mannar	10	10
Sea weed culture in Irrukkalampiddi, Mannar	12	12
Rearing of goats in Arugambe, Kalmunai		20

8.3.5. Demarcation of lagoon management areas, establishment of fisheries committees and establishment of Fisheries Management Coordination Committees.

Puttalam lagoon was demarcated with GPS points and also the Fisheries Coordination Committee of Puttalam was established.

Fisheries Committees and Fisheries Management Coordination Committees were established for Rekawa, Mawella, Malala Ambilikala and Bundala lagoons belonging to the Fisheries District of Tangalle.

9. Administration Division.

9.1. Objective:-

Main objective of the division is to provide resources of man power, building, transport facilities, water, electricity, janitorial and communication facilities as well as human resources management, proper maintenance of buildings, vehicles and the other facilities required to achieve the set objectives of the Department.

9.2. Activities:-

- Estimation of the supplies of required manpower resources, preparation of job specifications, recruitment procedures, obtaining necessary approval for the same and getting the required human resources.
- Handling and maintaining all the establishment matters such as recruitment of the staff of the department, confirmation in service, conducting efficiency bar examinations, granting annual increments, absorptions, promotions, release from the service and retirement etc.
- Handling and maintaining all the establishment matters such as taking the staff of the Island-wide services and combined service from transfers and confirmation in the service conducting efficiency bar examinations and directing to exams, granting annual increments, promotions, release from the service and giving recommendations for retirement etc.,
- To maintain the discipline of the staff including preliminary inquiries and disciplinary inquiries.
- To provide practical training for the students who have followed vocational training courses.
- Transferring the motorbikes which were provided under the ADB project ,to the officers concerned
- Making the staff participate in local and international academic seminars, workshops.
- Provision of communication facilities and its related payments.
- Follow up and supervision of reporting for duty by the staff, taking leave by them and maintenance of records.
- Issue of railway warrants and seasons and its related payment activities.
- Matters pertaining to the provision of Agrahara insurance benefits for the staff.
- Delivery of tappal received by the Head office, having registered the same in a record.
- Keeping records on the tappal sent by the Head Office and its related payments.
- Allocation of postal expenses for the district officers and its related payments.
- Renting offices, payment of office rents and assessment tax and maintaining records.
- Provision of quarters for the staff, collection of rents and maintenance of records.
- Renting out circuit bungalows, collection of rent, their maintenance and keeping records.
- Granting approval for the payment of loan advances required by the staff.
- Maintaining records of loans, recovery of and writing off outstanding loan balances.
- Repairs to vehicles, servicing of them, marking emblems, issue of fuel, batteries, tires and tubes.
- Disposing of, handing over, obtaining, reserving and registration of vehicles.
- Completing running chart accurately, follow up action and maintaining the records of vehicles.

- Reconstruction and proper maintenance of the head office building, district offices, fisheries inspectors' offices, Monitoring & Surveillance centers, quarters, circuit bungalows and harbour buildings and co-ordination of the construction of new buildings.

9.3. Progress – 2017.

9.3.1. Grant of new appointments.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Marine Engineering Assistant	01	25.05.2017
Fisheries Officer (Open)	46	01.06.2017
Development Officer	34	Permanencies of Graduates Trainees appoint 2016.

9 3.2. Promotions:

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Fisheries Officer (Limited)	41	21 - 08.05.2017 20 - 03.10.2017

9.3.3. Retirement:-

Institution	No.	Effective Date
Assistant Director	02	13.11.2017, 29.29.2017
Public Management Assistant	06	16.02.2017, 18.03.2017, 20.04.2017, 19.07.2017, 16.10.2017, 29.11.2017
Fisheries Inspector	02	01.03.2017, 20.10.2017
Fisheries Social Development Assistant	03	01.02.2017, 17.11.2017
K.K.S	03	12.03.2017, 11.04.2017, 07.07.2017
Junior Radio Officer	01	28.04.2017
Receptionist	01	10.08.2017

9.3.4. Release from Service.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Development Officer	03	01.06.2017, 05.06.2017, 02.10.2017
Public Management Assistant	01	01.06.2017
Fisheries Officer	03	30.11.2017, 05.12.2017

9.3.5 .Transfers to the Department.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Administrative Officer	01	03.05.2017
Development Officer	15	08.02.2017, 16.02.2017, 01.03.2017, 03.04.2017, 11.03.2017, 12.04.2017, 02.05.2017, 18.05.2017, 19.05.2017, 30.05.2017, 05.06.2017, 21.07.2017, 01.11.2017, 22.11.2017, 28.11.2017

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Public Management Assistant	15	02.01.2017, 16.01.2017, 11.01.2017, 01.02.2017, 02.02.2017, 06.02.2017, 22.02.2017, 03.07.2017, 24.07.2017, 26.07.2017, 31.08.2017
Driver	01	15.03.2017
K.K.S.	02	02.01.2017, 07.06.2017
Information and Communication Technology Assistant	01	26.12.2017

9.3.6 .Transfers outside the Department:

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Assistant Director	01	19.07.2017
Public Management Assistant	06	03.02.2017, 02.05.2017, 19.06.2017, 23.06.2017, 30.06.2017
Driver	01	01.03.2017
K.K.S	01	02.06.2017
Information and Communication Technology Officer	01	26.12.2017

9.3.7. Efficiency Bar Examination conducted for the officers:

Designation	No.	Date Conducted	Cost incurred Rs.
Junior Radio Officer II-EB	06	01.07.2017	12000.00

9.3.8. Providing practical training for the students who followed computer Training courses at Technical Colleges and Vocational Training Institutions:

Institution	Number of students	Duration
National Institute of Business Management	19	06 months
National Apprentice & Industrial Training Authority (NAITA)	18	06 months
National Youth Council	01	06 months
Vidatha Resource Centre-Madampe	01	06 months
Vocational Training Authority	06	06 months
Sri Lanka Institute of Printing	02	06 months

9.3.9. Preliminary inquiries and Disciplinary Inquiries:

	Being held	Started	Concluded.
Preliminary inquiries	02	06	04

9.3.10. Prior Activities of Recruitment

Category of Officers	Number of Posts	Steps taken
Fisheries Officers-2016 (second stage)	Open-122	Referred to the Public Service Commission for approval
Operational Officer / Draftsman / Marine Engineering Assistant / Technical Officer	Open-4	The notification for calling applications has been referred to the Department of Examinations for approval
Quality Control Officer	Open-4	The notification for calling applications has been referred to the Department of Examinations for approval
Driver	Open-6	Arrangements have been made to call applications
K.K.S.	Open-10	Referred to the Director General of Combined Services for approval

9.3.11. Grant of Uniform Allowance relevant in the year 2017

Officers	No. of Officers	Amount granted
Driver	19	76000.00
K.K.S. Grade 11	4	16000.00
K.K.S. Grade 1 & special Grade	21	84000.00
Total		176,000.00

9.3.12. Preparation of Salary Conversions and grant of increments relevant to the year 2017

Officers	No. of Officers	Salary conversion	Grant of increments
1.Senior Level	36	34	30
2.Tertiary Level	13	10	12
3.Secondary Level	548	525	510
4.Primary Level	88	76	75

9.3.13. Transferring the ownership of motorbikes, provided by the Project of the Asian Development Bank, to the relevant officers.

Officer's name	Motorbike No.	Amount charged
J.K.H. Perera	VW - 9523	14,758.80
T. Ganeshwaran	MA - 8622	13,282.50
M,M.T.U.K. Marasinghe	VL - 2707	13,650.00
W.M.U. Wijesinghe	XU - 8233	23,742.00

9.3.14. Grant of Agrahara Insurance benefits.

No. of applications submitted for insurance claims	217
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9.3.15. Grant of approval for the payment various loan advances:

Type of Loan	Number of Applications	Amount Approved Rs.
Distress loan	150	13,717,181 /-
Loan for flood victims	21	3,015,588 /-
Property loan	01	2,108,568 /-

9.3.16. Responding to the public complaints:

No.of complaints received	No.of complaints settled	Still being dealt with	Left to be dealt with
70	35	35	0

9.3.17. Responding to the requests regarding the Right to Information Act:

No.of requests for information	No.of requests information was provided	No.of requests turned down for giving information
06	05	01

9.3.18. Dengue eradication programmes

District Office	No.of dengue eradication programmes held	No.of identified condemned boats	No of boats directed for repairs	No.of boats destroyed	No.of sand filled boats	No.of overturned boats	No.of boats applied with chemical
Colombo	02	06	04	-	-	10	-
Negombo	15	05	-	-	-	22	70
Kaluthara	14	02	02	-	-	20	-
Colombo	02	06	04	-	-	10	-
Tangalle	07	36	-	-	-	-	-
Mahawewa	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	60	71	39	12	09	11	-
Batticaloa	03	03	-	-	-	-	-
Puttalam	02	36	12	03	-	33	-
Trincomalee	04	05	02	-	09	25	-
Galle	10	51	10	15	04	24	30

9.3.19. Fisheries Rewards Fund:

No applications have been made for the Fisheries Rewards Fund in 2017

9.3.20. Circuit Bungalow at Katharagama:

Number of days reserved	48
Income earned in from the reservation Rupees	38,100/-

9.3.21. Collection of Rental of Quarters:

Number of quarters given to the Officers on rental basis	04
Amount charged as rental income in Rupees	180,980.53

9.3.22. Issue of railway warrants and related payments activities

	No. of warrants issued	Amount paid in Rupees
Railway warrants (official)	143	100,310.00
Rail warrants (private)	390	646,290.00

9.3.23. Payments of Rates

No. of District Offices	No. of Fisheries Offices	No. of Quarters	Amount paid in Rupees.
12	10	03	171,899.32

9.3.24. Payment of Office Rental

No .of District Offices	No. of Fisheries Inspectors' Offices	No .of Monitoring and Surveillance Centres	No. of Fishery Harbours	Amount paid in Rupees
01	15	06	0	1,110,907.40

9.3.25. Payments for common amenities

Payment of electricity bills				
No.of District Fisheries Offices	No.of Fisheries Inspector's Offices	No.of MCS centres	No.of Harbour Offices	Amount paid in Rupees
15	25	15	06	2,408,319.81
Payment of water bills				
No.of District Fisheries Offices	No.of Fisheries Inspector's Offices	No.of MCS centres	No.of Harbour Offices	Amount paid in Rupees
11	14	14	04	639,344.28

9.3.26. Provision of communication facilities and its related payments:

	No.of telephone connections provided	Amount paid in Rupees	No.of Internet connections provided	Amount paid in Rupees
Staff Grade Officers	24	543,570.49	-	-
Branches in Head Office	20	936,502.50	12	3,895,365.36
District Offices	15	952,889.74	-	-
Harbour Offices	06	196,309.40	31	682,227.53

9.3.27. Payments for Common Amenities

Object of Common amenity	Amount paid in Rupees
Water	352,343
Electricity	4,359,091
Lift	247,764
Charges of security services	2,768,286
Charges of janitorial services	1,854,775
Rates	519,119.28

9.3.28. Local Trainings

	Participants	No.	Training Course	Duration
01	Fisheries officer	41	Fisheries Officers induction training	28-01.06.2017
02	Staff Officers, Fisheries officers, Marine Officers	97	Training Programme on Motivation	16,15,14.08.2017
03	Officers of Head Office and District Offices	24	Training session on Contract Activities (Settling of imprest and Collection of Revenue)-2017	04.04.2017
04	Staff Grade Officer	39	Staff Grade Officer Training	30,29.04.2017
05	Assistant Director Development officers & PMA officer	04	SLIDA Computer Driving Licence	21.01.2017-01.04.2017, 16.08-01.09
06	Staff Grade Officers	10	Workshop on Procurement Procedure	24,23,18,17,16.06.2017
07	Fisheries Officer	01	Microsoft Excel Analysis Tools	19,14.09.2017
08	Staff Grade Officers and Non Staff Grade Officers	07	12 day Free Tamil Training Programme for public officers	31.08.2017-11.09.2017 (1)

	Participants	No.	Training Course	Duration
09	K.K.S	15	12 day Free Tamil Training Programme for public officers	25.10.2017-05.11.2017 13.11.2017-18.11.2017 03.11.2017-14.11.2017 16.11.2017-25.11.2017
10	Staff Grade Officers	03	Awareness programme on Official Language policy	22.09.2017
11	Chief Internal Auditor	01	Continuous training workshops for the Chief Internal Auditors	17,16.10.2017

9.3.29. Overseas Trainings

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
01	Mr.M.S.M.Muthugala Development officer	Training program on promotion of self – employment and skill development-India	20.03.2017- 21.04.2017
02	Mr.W.A.Duminda sampath Development officer	Training Program on high impact leadership/Managerial skill development – India	19.03.2017- 15.04.2017
03	Mr.J.Sudaharan Assistant Director	Capacity development for water supply and sanitation service delivery-Australia	25.04.2017- 29.04.2017
04	Mr.K.P.M.S.perera Chief Internal Auditor	India second country visit diploma public procurement and contract administration-India	17.05.2017- 24.05.2017
05	Mr.N.N.D.S.U.Paranavithana Fisheries Officer	Tilapia Breeding and High Field farming Techniques short term training program - China	21.05.2017- 18.07.2017
06	Mr.M.S.Manaseer Sharif Fisheries Inspector	Tilapia Breeding and High Field farming Techniques short term training program - China	21.05.2017- 18.07.2017
07	Mr.K.Yuvaraj Fisheries Officer	Tilapia Breeding and High Field farming Techniques short term training program - China	21.05.2017- 18.07.2017
08	Mr.R.A.H.D Premarathne Fisheries Inspector	Thilapiya Breeding and High Field farming Techniques short term training programme - China	11.05.2017- 05.07.2017
09	Mr.M.S.N.Mohomad Fisheries Inspector	Thilapiya Breeding and High Field farming Techniques short term training programme - China	11.05.2017- 05.07.2017
10	Mr.K.Vijaya Ragavan Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries -China	11.05.2017- 05.07.2017
11	Mr.M.T.M.Jawhar Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries -China	11.05.2017- 05.07.2017

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
12	Mr.A.M.Najath Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries -China	11.05.2017-05.07.2017
13	Mr.I.J.M.G.S.R.Bandara Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries - China	11.05.2017-05.07.2017
14	Mr.J.A.N.Jayasuriya Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries -China	11.05.2017-05.07.2017
15	Mr.J.A.D.Liyanage Fisheries Inspector	Training course on Multiculture and Aquatic Products Developing Countries -China	11.05.2017-05.07.2017
16	Mrs.I.M.D.Abesuriya Development officer	JICA CO-creation Program Planning of Fisheries Community Development - Japan	11.06.2017-26.08.2017
17	Mr.V.Manoharan Fisheries Inspector	Sustainable and Incentive Aquaculture for Asian Countries - China	15.06.2017-09.08.2017
18	Mrs.M.M.P.D.S.Jayathilaka FRMA	Sustainable and Incentive Aquaculture for Asian Countries - China	15.06.2017-09.08.2017
19	Mr.Y.Yogadasan Fisheries Inspector	Sustainable and Incentive Aquaculture for Asian Countries - China	15.06.2017-09.08.2017
20	Mr.M.C.L.Fernando Director General	Enhancing the Fishery management Capacity in the Indian Ocean - Australia	19.06.2017-08.07.2017
21	Mr.M.G.N.Jayakodi Assistant Director	IALA WWA level IA to N manager training - Korea	01.07.2017-30.07.2017
22	Mr.A.L.Thilakarathne Assistant Director	2017 specialized training course on international maritime emergency resource for developing countries-china	03.08.2017-22.08.2017
23	Mrs.H.W.G.C.G.Chandrasiri Assistant Director	Leader ship training course on fisheries management and administration (LTCFMA 2017)- JAPAN	06.08.2017-29.11.2017
24	Mr.S. P.Wikramarachchi Assistant Director	Seminar on Aquatic Animal Health Management -2017-China	07.09.2017-12.10.2017
25	Mrs.K.Wickramasekara Development officer	Seminar on Aquatic Animal Health Management -2017-China	07.09.2017-12.10.2017
26	Mr.K.Nayal Priyanga Fisheries Inspector	Seminar on Aquatic Animal Health Management -2017-China	07.09.2017-12.10.2017
27	Mr.D.D.D.R.Weragoda Fisheries Inspector	Computer Save Economic Stretch of Maritime - china	22.10.2017-12.11.2017
28	Mrs.K.L.D.I.Jayathilini Development officer	Computer Save Economic Stretch of Maritime - china	22.10.2017-12.11.2017
29	Mr.M.K.W.Sanjeewa Kumara Assistant Director	OFC FRM Training Program - Japan	07.11.2017-12.12.2017

9.3.30. Overseas Seminars

	Name and Designation	Seminar and Country	Duration
01	Mr.M.M.Ariyaratne Assistant Director	Joint Commission Meeting-Maldives	08 – 09.02

	Name and Designation	Seminar and Country	Duration
02	Mr.W.A.R.Senarathne Assistant Director	Participating in the expert group meeting- Seychelles Island	22 – 28.02
03	Mr.M.C.L.Fernando Director General	Indian Ocean coastal states meeting on allocation criteria-Maldives	14– 15.04
04	Mrs.H.P.K.Hewapathirane Deputy Director	Indian Ocean coastal states meeting on allocation criteria-Maldives	14– 15.04
05	Mr.N.D.P Gunawardhana Assistant Director	IOTC Specified and Joint tuna FMO FAD workshop group Meeting-Spain	17– 23.04
06	Mr.N.D.P Gunawardhana Assistant Director	Workshop on Improving Transparency and Traceability in Fisheries -Pakistan	17 – 18.05
07	Mr.M.M.Ariyaratne Assistant Director	Workshop on Improving Transparency and Traceability in Fisheries -Pakistan	17 – 18.05
08	Mr.K.S.Chandrakumara FRMA	Workshop on Improving Transparency and Traceability in Fisheries -Pakistan	17 – 18.05
09	Mr.M.C.L.Fernando Director General	IOTC conference - India	21 - 27.05
10	Mr.M.Marcus Director management	Meeting on Sustainable Goal 14 Conversation and Sustainable use of the ocean Seas and Marin Resources for Sustainable Development WTO Meeting on fisheries Subsidies, - Geneva	14.07.2017- 20.07.2017
11	Mr.T.M.D.T.Peiris Assistant Director	7 th working party on neritic tunas (WPNT 07)- Maldives	08.08.2017- 14.08.2017
12	Mrs.H.P.K.Hewapathirana Deputy Director	Indian ocean coastal states meeting on allocation principles- Maldives	14.08.2017- 18.08.2017
13	Mrs.H.L.N.S.Herath Assistant Director	IOTC working party meeting on by catch and billfish –Spain	11.09.2017- 14.09.2017
14	Mrs.H.Renuka Subhashini Quality control Officer	Sea food direction conference - Australia	25.09.2017- 30.09.2017
15	Mr.M.C.L.Fernando Director General	Joined commission meeting in – India	13.10.2017- 14.10.2017
16	Mr.M.M.Ariyaratne Assistant Director	IOTC data reporting conference – south Africa	24.10.2017- 28.10.2017
17	Mr.H.S.Hathurusinghe Quality control Officer	EU- Sri Lanka trade related assistant program – Brussels	08.11.2017- 09.11.2017
18	Mr.J.H.A.A.Jayasekaran Assistant Director	APFIC/FAO regional consultation meeting - Bangkok	13.11.2017- 17.11.2017
19	Mr.N.D.P.Gunawardhana Assistant Director	IOTC working party on data collection and static forum - Seychelles	25.11.2017- 29.11.2017
20	Mrs.H.P.K.Hewapathirana Deputy Director	IOTC committee meeting- Seychelles	29.11.2017- 06.12.2017
21	Mrs.H.L.N.S.Herath Assistant Director	Regional dialog - India	20.11.2017- 25.11.2017

9.3.31. Expenses for Servicing and repairing, fueling, replacing tires, tubes, batteries of vehicles, insurance premiums and millage

Vehicle No.	No.of Services	Amount Rs.	Repairs		Fuel Cost Rs.	Cost of tires, tubes & batteries Rs.	Annual insurance premium Rs	Millage Km
			Number	Amount Rs				
PD-9188	05	108396.25	04	348597.50	306207	221352	71297.77	26762
KB-2063	06	98354	01	139325	613874.10	17701	42429.42	36485
KA-9883	02	51783	-	-	90743	-	102743.91	
NB-1391	07	150338	05	347538	409986.25	62000	61095.08	43473
PB-5416	08	166608	09	393045	528308.45	92010	58609.06	51856
PB-8059	03	58793	06	537150	66075	97980	58506.95	16325
GL-9771	02	57354	06	709600	107940	18952	22165.23	10843
61-6620	02	25296.80	09	196582.50	173411.93	18700	24268.68	15878
QM-6550			02	19970	61322	-	-	9244
HG-5832			01	5865	16112	-	-	5991
PB-1882	02	34239	05	863510	55486	36675	57896.93	8935
JZ-5936	04	66782	02	27700	256800	-	48537.67	34720
GE-8845	06	88640	01	36400	335950	104420	31193.03	34196
PB-5418	02	47716.80	06	640750	325250	67896	33159.75	38392
GE-8851	-	-	04	619045	79798.99	19024.99	25133.48	6447
JY-7828	03	53105	06	364370	192040	20291.50	36394.09	20007
GE-8942	02	20010	01	34000	124972.50	-	31341.13	12024
PB-1675	05	109499.88	03	520088	227600	-	60447.13	20654
253-2139	02	13100	07	658770	184437.50	86656	26677.77	14217
PF-7812	03	67687	01	24150	155525	26105	77053.98	14275
PA-9993	08	158696	14	166839	427.980	58288	41286.29	41498
PB-1677	04	65330	03	5300	209.770	58288	57896.93	
PB-1678	02	31665	02	120700	194590.50	85100	72353.31	19354
PA-8367	04	88150.50	05	263870	278690	-	61467.40	27801
PF-7800	04	47150	-	-	164410.50	-	77053.98	21249
KR-8907	01	23271	01	89322	19.570	-	107031.57	

9.3.32. Rehabilitation, Refurbishment and Repairs in 2017

	Building	Descriptions	Cost (Rs.)
1.	Male Female Wash Room 3rd Floor, Dept. of Fisheries & A.R.	Refurbishment Wash Room.	2,238,086.86
2.	Monitoring Surveillance Center, Kudawalla, Tangalla	Refurbishment the Office.	1,457,879.79

	Building	Descriptions	Cost (Rs.)
3.	Monitoring Surveillance Center, Dondra Matara	Refurbishment the Office.	1,570,972.90
4.	District Fisheries Office, Mulativu	Repairs to Electrical wiring.	246,163.08
5.	District Fisheries Office, Kilinochchi	Completion of the remaining work	3,299,381.36
6.	District Fisheries Office, Jaffna	Refurbishment of the Office.	85,820.00
7.	District Fisheries Office, Batticaloa	Refurbishment of the Office.	1,472,490.13
8.	Shroff Unit, Finance Division, 3rd Floor, Dept. of Fisheries & A.R.	Establishment of Shroff Room.	166,032.52
9.	District Fisheries Office, Tangalle	Refurbishment of the Office.	111,684.57
10.	Government Quarters, Sea Breeze Crow Island Mattakkuliya - 2016	Refurbishment of the Government Quarters.	324,297.88
11.	Government Quarters, District Fisheries Office, Tangalle - 2016	Refurbishment of the Quarters.	1,512,895.14
12.	District Fisheries Office, Matara	Repairs to the roof.	211,237.50
13.	VMS Unit, Dept. of Fisheries & A.R.	Repairs to CCTV system.	65,688.00
Grand Total			12,762,629.73

10. Finance Division

10.1. Objective

The main objective of the division is to make sure the effective & efficient management of financial resources of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

10.2.Functions

Duties assigned to the division can be categorized as follows.

- Y Financial Planning, Budgeting & Management
- Y Collection of Revenue
- Y Payments
- Y Accounting
- Y Supplies & Stores Management
- Y Assets Management
- Y Maintaining Govt. Officers' Security Deposits Accounts
- Y Maintaining Teenagers' Bank Accounts
- Y Maintaining Public Service Provident Fund
- Y Control of Counterfoil Books & General Forms

10.3. Performance

10.3.1. Presentation of Annual Accounts:

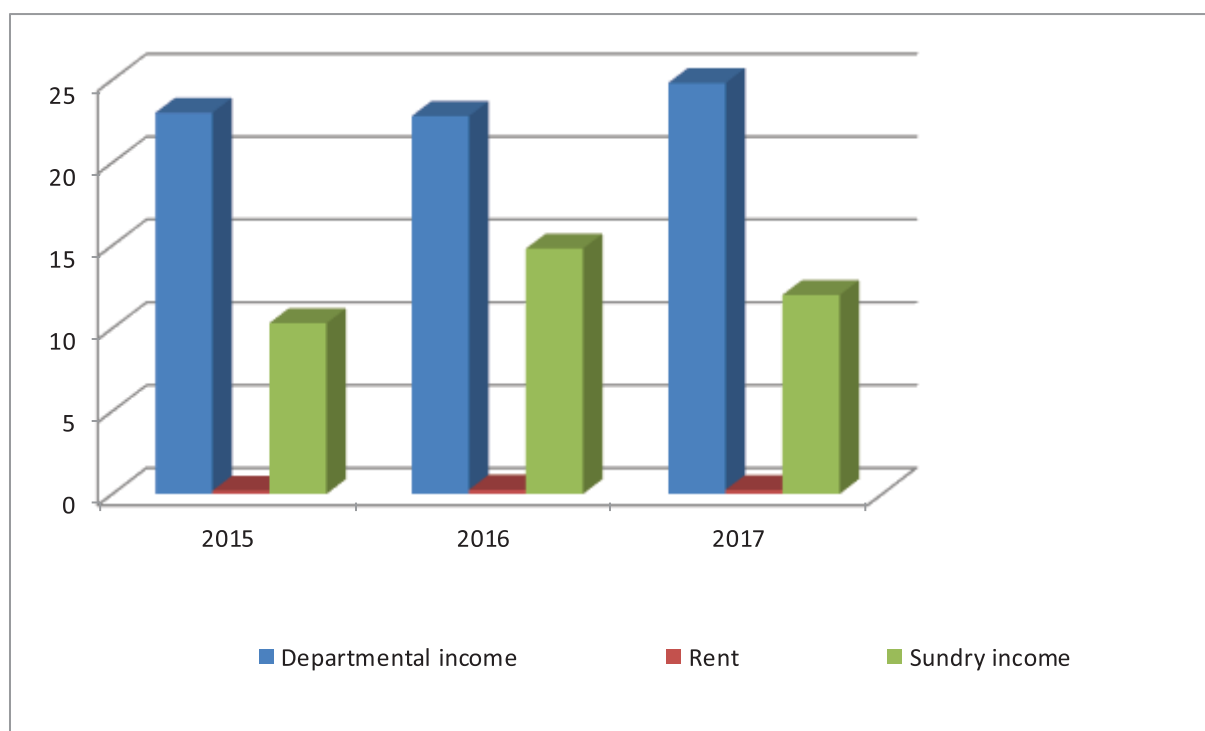
The following annual accounts prepared in terms of the General Treasury Circulars were presented to the Auditor General within the stipulated period

- Appropriation Account
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- Revenue Account
- Govt. Officers Advance "B " Account
- Rewards Fund

10.3.2. Revenue

Progress of revenue collection during the year is as follows.

	2015 in Rs.Mn	2016 in Rs.Mn	2017 in Rs.Mn
Departmental income	23.0	22.80	24.80
Rent	0.19	0.25	0.23
Sundry income	10.3	14.80	12.00
Total	33.49	37.85	37.03



Recovery of fines from the fishermen engaged in illegal fishing activities at High Seas and increase in the issue of health certificates as a result of increasing fish export due to the lifting of fish ban by the European resulted in increasing the department revenue in 2017 as compared to the year 2016.

10.3.2 Expenditure:

Utilization of provision for recurrent and capital expenditure in the year 2017 is as follows.

Recurrent Expenditure 2016

	Category / Object Title	Net Allocation Rs.Mn	Total Expenditure Rs.Mn
1	Personal emoluments	338.99	336.07
2	Travelling expenses	10.70	14.14
3	Supplies	20.60	21.46
4	Maintenance expenditure	3.50	4.66
5	Services	64.21	53.51
6	Transfers	5.84	6.42
7	Interest- Subsidy of Diyawara Diriya Loan Scheme	42.00	28.71
8	Other recurrent expenditure	0.50	0.83
	Total	480.35	465.80

Capital Expenditure 2017

	Description	Net Allocation Rs.Mn	Total Expenditure Rs.Mn
2001	Rehabilitation of Building and Structure	15	12.76
2002	Improvement of Plant Machinery and Equipment	2	1.44
2003	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Vehicle	10.2	9.14
2102	Acquisition of Furniture & Office Equipment	24.8	24.56
2103	Acquisition of Plant Machinery & Equipment	0.95	0.95
	Purchase 01 nos. of radio communication equipment		0.95
2104	Acquisition of Building and Structure	50	5.79
	Supply and delivery of 05 No. s of Convertainers		5.79
	Project implements of during the year 2017		22.34
	Part payment of Extension of the existing Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) building		19.86
	Part payment of Consultancy for the construction of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) building		2.48
2401	Capacity Building - Staff training	2.45	2.43
	Conducted training programmes on capacity Buildings of office staff, induction training and post graduate studies		2.43

	Description	Net Allocation Rs.Mn	Total Expenditure Rs.Mn
0-2506	Infrastructure Development Acquisition separate network line to the Department of Fisheries	1.05	1.05
2-2202	Development Assistant - Fisheries Society Activities	4.75	4.73
	Conducted 03 nos. of awareness campaign for responsible fishing for fisherman & the officers of DFAR.		4.34
	Conducted 03 nos. of awareness programs to introducing income generation, alternative livelihood development for women empowerment in Mathara District and Kaluthara.		0.19
	Procurement of poronu of Maldives fish for 10 nos. of beneficiaries in Matara.		0.2
5-2202	Development Assistant - Intergraded awareness program for fisheries sector	3.85	3.12
	Conducted 36 nos. of awareness campaign for responsible fishing for coastal and high seas, Court procedure, fish handling & quality maintenance Lagoon development.		3.12
7-2506	Infustructure Development - Introduction of modern Technology for small and medium Fishing Industry	421.95	338.82
	Procurement of 2328 Nos. Electronic Tablets		183.91
	Funding to CFC for Fish Processing Units		65
	46 Nos of GRP Insulated Fish Boxes with Lid for Foot bicycle to the 46 nos. of beneficiaries in Kalmunai & Kalutara		0.64
	VMS installation payments		2.34
	Oracle Database subscription fee for VMS		24.85
	Nets for OFRP and Iday boats		56.08
	Supply of OFRP hulls		3.75
	Balance payment for supply of Long line and winch		2.03
	Balance payment of E log book software		0.22
	Total	537.00	427.1

10.3.4. Public Officers Advance “B” Account– 2017

Loan limits of Public Officers Advance “B” Account

Description	Maximum Limit of Expenditure Rs.	Maximum Credit Limit Rs.	Maximum Debit Limit Rs.
Approved limits by Appropriation Act	24,000,000.00	17,000,000.00	105,000,000.00

Progress of the Loan Payments & receipts during the year

Description	Loan Payments & receipts during the year	Recovery of loans and transfers among other departments	Balance
Balance Bf.as at 01.01.2017			76,374,628.23
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Loans and recoveries issued to the officers	23,996,868.00	21,825,372.57	(78,546,123.66)
Transfers among the departments	3,276,933.92	4,336,059.00	1,059,125.08
Position as at 31.12.2017	27,273,801.92	26,161,431.57	77,486,998.58

10.3.5 Fisheries Rewards Fund

Revenue generated by auctioning the items and fish confiscated by courts due to involvement in illegal fishing activities under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No.02 of 1996 is credited to this fund, of which 75% is paid to the departmental officers, Police officers, Navy personnel and spies who involved in raids as incentives. The balance is credited to the state revenue.

The position of said account as at 31.12.2017 is as follows

Balance Bf.as at 01.01.2017	Rs.	3,804,377.43
Add Revenue collected during the year	Rs.	195,554.69
	Rs.	3,999,932.12
Less Incentives paid during the year	Rs.	693,984.69
Balance as at 31.12.2017	Rs.	3,305,947.43

Since incentives cannot be paid due to non-completion of legal proceedings up to now balance amounting to Rs.3, 305,974.73 is indicated as at 31.12.2017.

10.3.6. Audit Queries

14 audit queries were submitted by the Auditor General during the year 2017, of which answers were given for 13 audit queries during the year.

10.3.7. Board of Survey

Board of Survey was carried out within the appropriate time and its reports have also been submitted to the Auditor General.

11. Internal Audit Division

11.1. Composition and Responsibilities:

The Internal Audit Division is directly responsible to the Head of the Department.

The composition of the Division is as follows.

1. Chief Internal Auditor	01
2. Internal Audit Offices	03
3. Office Employ Service	01

As one Internal Audit Officer went on internal transfer one post remained vacant for six months in the year 2017.

11.2. Performance:

The following activities were carried out by the Internal Audit Division during the year under review.

- Furnished quarterly reports containing the facts such as financial progress, progress of the submission of returns and accounts, observation of the payment of vouchers, settlement of Imprests
- Payments and submit the answering of audit queries pertaining to each such quarter.
- Investigation and subject related internal audit reports were furnished.
 - I. Inspection of the departmental vehicles-2016.
 - II. Inspecting the reporting for work, taking leave by officers- and recover of no pay Leave in Head office - 2016.
 - III. Carried out feedback on the outstanding loan balances of public officers' Advance "B" Account.
 - IV. Inspection of field officers' motorcycles which the ownership were not Transferred.
 - V. Inspection of the issue of duty lists for the officers in Head Office/Regional Offices.
 - VI. Inspection of printing and issuing office diaries for fisheries Officers.
 - VII. Inspection of the providing telephone facilities, settlement of Bills and recovering the exceeding approved limits 2015-2016.

- VIII. Inspection of the payment of salaries for the departmental staff.
- IX. Inspection of progress of the implementation of annual procurement plan- 2016
- X. Carried out feedback on the board of survey activities -2016

Reports were submitted having carried out a special investigation into the following matters.

- Casual service period of Mr.H.B.P.Karuanatrathne was added to the pensionable service period.
- The inspection reports of Dehiwala and Kaluthara regional offices containing observation and recommendations were submitted.
- Audit and Management Committees.

Conducting the departmental Audit and Management committee meetings and feedback the implementing committee decisions.