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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES



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Preface

The main role of the Department is to protect and regulate the regenerating but limited fisheries and aquatic resources for future generation through proper management of fishing fleet and fishing gear.

Strengthening the legal frame work, improving compliance through training and awareness programmes, handling fishing boats at sea by means of Vessel Monitoring and Certification of fish exploitation by the process at fishery harbours are some of the fruitful measures taken by the Department during the year 2018 in order to direct the fisher folks towards a responsible fisheries industry in compliance with international conventions, laws and rules.

Similarly, it is a victory of the Department enabling to expand the fish export opportunities to the countries of the European Union as well as the United State of America, Chaina, Russia, Canada and Middleast in the year 2018 due to the certification of the hygiene and quality of fish products.

Issue of all licenses, approval of them and provision of returns, which are being carried and manually at present are to be undertaken through online application system with the objective of providing fast and more efficient service to all the clients involved with the Department.

Also, all the data collection processes which are now being performed at field levels are expected to be carried out through this system. Apart from that, management of administrative and official functions of all the staff is to be executed through this system. The website of the Department has been modernized in line with this system and all the services provided by the Department and details of service providers have been incorporated in this system.

Activites of the automated online application system will be completed in 2019. Training of officers and provision of facilities required for the operation of the system were carried out in the year 2018.

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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 nine (9) divisions in order to carry out the activities of the Department in an efficient manner. They are,

1. Fisheries Management Division.
2. Fisheries Development Division.
3. Fishery Products Quality Control Division.
4. Fisheries Operation Division.
5. Investigation & Training Division
6. Information Technology Division
7. Administration Division.
8. Finance Division.
9. Internal Audit Division.

The functions of these divisions are executed by eight Directors and Chief Internal Auditor.

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 2018

Se. No.	Description	Annual target in 2018 Fish catch in metric tons	Annual Progress in 2018 Fish catch in metric tons
01	Colombo	7,100	4,287
02	Kalutara	35,092	40,849
03	Galle	56,137	53,155
04	Matara	51,241	9,802
05	Tangalle	60,000	61,907
06	Kalmunai	27,247	18,109
07	Batticaloa	24,420	18,532
08	Trincomalee	18,825	36,717
09	Mullaitivu	15,130	3,066
10	Kilinochchi	9,481	11,953
11	Jaffna	65,250	40,396
12	Mannar	38,125	23,045
13	Puttalam	35,954	29,359
14	Mahawewa	31,500	29,764
15	Negombo	31,390	29,200
Total		506,892	430,141

1.7. Fishing boats in operation in the Island according to districts in 2018

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	28	28	16	394	01	307	24
02. Kalutara	37	381	01	437	-	343	42
03. Galle	-	709	16	369	211	245	43
04. Matara	-	1,210	70	807	233	661	07
05. Tangalla	01	528	73	829	171	627	83
06. Kalmunai	-	145	60	730	201	812	174
07. Batticaloa	-	371	11	1,418	13	3,750	145
08. Trincomalee	-	132	13	2,974	24	1,616	191
09. Mulaithivu	-	-	-	994	10	137	24
10. Kilinochchi	-	-	-	711	78	215	-
11. Jaffna	-	104	426	4,234	653	2,036	212
12. Mannar	-	41	208	3,080	506	717	12
13. Puttalam	01	50	-	2,611	205	1,329	196
14. Chilaw	27	504	-	1,776	08	3,768	14
15. Negombo	-	305	09	1,273	-	1,142	35
Total	94	4,508	903	22,637	2,314	17,705	1,202

1.8. Fishing Population in the Island according to districts in 2018

Se. No.	District	No. of Fisheries Family	No. of Fisherman	Population
01	Colombo	1663	1898	6759
02	Kalutara	3474	4254	13306
03	Galle	7337	11423	32681
04	Matara	9253	13917	36722
05	Tangalle	8291	9525	28240
06	Kalmunai	12435	14887	66791
07	Batticaloa	23726	26472	84762
08	Trincomalee	23271	27622	71450
09	Mullaithivu	2908	5388	12217
10	Kilinochchi	4113	3784	16801

Se. No.	District	No. of Fisheries Family	No. of Fisherman	Population
11	Jaffna	21456	22103	91129
12	Mannar	9506	9747	37801
13	Puttalam	9701	11860	39613
14	Mahawewa	7122	9945	28817
15	Negombo	7494	9446	33993
Total		151,750	182,271	601,082

1.10. Details of the approved cadre of the Department as at 31.12.2018

Designation	Approved Cadre	Present Cadre	Vacancies
1. Director General - (Sri Lanka Administrative Service -Supra Grade)	01	01	-
2. Additional Director General – (Sri Lanka Administrative Service -Supra Grade)	01	-	01
3. Director (Admin) - (Sri Lanka Administrative Service - Grade 1)	01	01	-
4. Director (Management) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
5. Director (Development) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
6. Director (Quality Control) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
7. Director (Operation) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
8. Director (Training & Investigation)-(Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
9. Director (IT) - (Departmental Service – Grade 1)	01	-	01
10. Chief Internal Auditor - (Sri Lanka Accountants’ Service. Grade 1)	01	01	-
11. Chief Accountant - (Sri Lanka Accountants’ Service – Grade 1)	01	01	-
12. Accountant Supplies (Sri Lanka Accountants’ Service-Grade 1)	01	01	-
13. Deputy/Assistant Director (Admin) (Sri Lanka Administrative Service - Grade II/III)	01	01	-
14. Deputy/Assistant Director (Establishment) – (Sri Lanka Administrative Service - Grade II/III)	01	-	01
15. Deputy/Assistant Director ((Biologist) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-

Designation	Approved Cadre	Present Cadre	Vacancies
16. Deputy/Assistant Director (Socio Economy) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-
17. Deputy/Assistant Director (Quality Control) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	02	02	
18. Deputy/Assistant Director (Quality Control-Import & Export) – (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	-	01
19. Deputy/Assistant Director (Fisheries Management) –(Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	24	-
20. Deputy/Assistant Director (Fisheries Technology) –(Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
21. Deputy/Assistant Director (Foreign Affairs) –(Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
22. Deputy/Assistant Director (Development) –(Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
23. Deputy/Assistant Director (Brackish Water Management) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
24. Deputy/Assistant Director (Operation – High Seas) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
25. Deputy/Assistant Director (Operation – Seas) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
26. Deputy/Assistant Director (Training) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
27. Deputy/Assistant Director (Investigation) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01		
28. Deputy/Assistant Director (District) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	15		
29. Deputy/Assistant Director (Vessel Monitoring) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	01	-
30. Deputy/Assistant Director (Surveillance) - (Departmental Service – Grade II/III)	01	-	01
31. Deputy/Assistant Director (Information Technology) - (SL Information Technology Service– Grade II/III)	01	-	01
32. Legal Officer - (Departmental – Grade I/II)	01	01	-
33. Marine Engineer - (Departmental Service – Grade I/II /III)	01	-	01
34. Civil Engineer - (Sri Lanka Engineering Service I/II/III/)	01	01	-
35. Accountant(Payments) - (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service 11/111)	01	01	-
36. Accountant(Revenue/Salary/Advance Accounts) - (Sri Lanka Accountants' Service 11/111)	01	-	01
37. Administrative Officer- (Combined Service)	01	01	-
38. Marine Surveyor- (Departmental Service)	02	-	02
39. Translator -(Combined Service)	02	01	01
40. Information and Communication Technology Officer – (Sri Lanka Information Technology Service)	03	03	-
41. Programme Manager - (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
42. Quality Control Officer- (Departmental Service)	20	06	14

Designation	Approved Cadre	Present Cadre	Vacancies
43. Fisheries Resources Management Assistant- (Departmental Service)	03	03	-
44. Development Officer -(Combined Service)	212	226	14 ★
45. Legal Assistant-(Departmental Service)	02	-	02
46. Programme Assistant-(Departmental Service)	01	01	-
47. Fisheries Officer (Departmental Service)	225	88	137
48. Draftsman (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	01	-	01
49. Marine Engineering Assistant (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	15	11	04
50. Operational Officer- (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	12	03	09
51. Technical Officer(Civil)- (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	02	01	01
52. Technical Officer(Computer)- (Sri Lanka Technological Service)	01	-	01
53. Public Management Assistant- (Combined Service)	143	138	05
54. Transport Officer- (Departmental Service)	01	-	-
55. Fisheries Social Development Officer- (Departmental Service)	24	12	12
56. Fisheries Licensing Officers- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
57. Fisheries Inspector- (Departmental Service)	42	42	-
58. Marine Engineering Assistant- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
59. Chief Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
60. Senior Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	05	03	02
61. Junior Radio Officer- (Departmental Service)	62	45	17
62. Information and Communication Technology Assistant – (Sri Lanka Information Technology Service)	02	02	-
63. Driver Service- (Combined Service)	25	19	06
64. K.K.S.-(Combined Service)	75	55	20
65. Bus Conductor- (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
66. Preventive Sergeant- (Departmental Service)	02	01	01
67. Preventive Guard- (Departmental Service)	03	03	-
68. Bungalow Keeper - (Departmental Service)	01	01	-
Total	943	708	235

★ Fourteen Development Officers are performing duties in excess due to one hundred and thirty-seven posts of Fisheries Officers being vacated.

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 operation licenses
- Issue vessel skipper licenses.
- Issue permits for foreign vessels to obtain port services, fish off-loading and transshipping.
- Registration of establishments of importing, exporting and re-exporting of fish and fishery products and Issue of import, export and re-export license for fish and fishery products.
- 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 Chunks, sea shells and shark fins
- Registration of Beach Seine Harbors and owners and issue of permits for beach seines
- Issue of identity cards for fishermen
- Coordinating repatriation of fishermen distressed or apprehended in foreign waters.
- 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.
- Collection and analysis of data on fisheries industry & fisher folk.
- Resolving disputes in fisheries sector.

2.3. Performance in 2018

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	180 cases have been filed
2	Fisheries and Aquatic Resources No 2 of 1996 (Amendment) (Obstruct of Authorized officer)	To be obtained A G's approval
3	Fisheries(Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats (Amendment)	Approval of the Parliament has been obtained
4	Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources within Sri Lanka Waters No. 2008/30 - 03.03.2017	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
5	Prohibition of Use of Spears in Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2017. No. 2008/31 - 03.03.2017	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
6	Prohibition of Catching Fish Species Thambuwa (<i>cephalopholis sonnerati</i>) Regulations 2 Published by Gazette 017. No.2014/4 – 11.04.2017	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
7	Fish and Fishery Products, Export, Import and Re-export Management Regulations 2017. No. 2023/51 – 15.06.2017	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
8	Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulations 2015 (amendment) No. 2027/31 – 13.07.2017	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
9	1984 Beach Seine Regulation (Amendment) (Gazette No. 2065/33 dated 2018.04.05)	To be obtained the approval of the Parliament
10	Regulation on the minimum standards for Sri Lankan nationals employed in foreign flagged fishing vessels. (Amendment)	To be published in the Gazette

No.	Legal action	Progress
11	1996 Fisheries operations regulation(Amendment)	To be obtained the approval of the LD
12	Blue Swimming crab fishing operation Regulations 2017. Draft stage	To be published in the Gazette
13	Regulation of vessel monitoring and Data Management in Sri Lanka Waters, by means of electronic log data system regulations.	To be published in the 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 Vessels.	First time registration and renewal	57098	53685	94%
Maintaining a method of regulating the fishing operations	Issue of fishing operation licenses	55854	46363	83%
	Issue of skipper licenses	1500	2552	170%
Ensure the fishermen's Identity.	Issue of identities for the Fishermen	1700	1643	96.6%
Regulation of beach seine fishery.	Issue of beach seine licenses	1244	496	40%
Promotion and regulation of ornamental fisheries industry.	Issue of licenses for the export of ornamental fish	75	55	73.3%
	Issue of licenses for the import of ornamental fish	70	51	72.8%
Regulation of lobster related fisheries activities.	Issue of licenses for the export of lobsters	130	101	77.7%
	Issue of permits for keeping Lobsters in possession.	30	7	23%

Activities	Principle Performance Index	Target	Achievement of targets	progress
Regulation of chank fisheries.	Issue of permits for the export of Chanks.	20	24	120%
	Issue of permits for transport and keeping Chanks in possession	40	46	115%
Regulation of beach de-mer fisheries activities	Issue of permits for the export of beach- de- mer	50	66	132%
	Issue of permits for transport and keeping beach- de- mer in possession	70	76	108%
Regulation of the other fisheries activities	Issue of permits to export marine organisms cultured on artificial substrates	10	02	20%
	Issue of permits for the Transport, keep in possession and exhibition of dead sea shells.	50	39	78%
	Issue of permits for foreign vessels Obtaining harbor services and facilities.	50	105	210%
	Registration of establishments of importing, exporting and re-exporting of fish and fishery products and issue of import, export and re-export license for fish and fishery products	200	195	97.5%

3. Fisheries Development Division

3.1. Objective

Main responsibility of the Fisheries Development Division is to increase the fish production through the development and regulation of fisheries sector by means of efficient and introducing new environmental friendly technological methods in order to achieve greater contribution towards the National Economy of Sri Lanka and to take necessary steps to upgrade the socio economic status of fisher folks.

3.2. Functions

Accordingly the main functions of the Fisheries Development Division as mentioned below;

- Registrations, regulation and supervision of Boat Yards.
- Granting approvals for boat designs.
- Registration, regulation and supervision of fishing gear suppliers.
- Registration of fishermen and fisheries organizations.
- Introduction and promotion of new technological methods to the fisheries industry.
- Providing technical evaluation reports/recommendations to the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in order to the constructions/ projects in coastal areas.
- Improvement of infrastructure facilities in fisheries sector.
- Implementation of alternative income generating activities
- Implementation of fisheries subsidy schemes.
- Fisheries loan schemes.
- Insurance schemes, pension schemes and other social security programs for fishermen.
- Coordination of rescue operations and relief activities during the disasters
- Implementation of lagoon development projects.

In addition to that, the preparation of annual action plans, progress review in coordination with all the district offices and coordination of special fishing issues are undertaken by the development division.

3.3. Progress in 2018

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

Function	Progress during the year 2018
Total number of fishing boats insured	27983
Total number of fishers insured	69143
Number of fishers contributed to the fishermen's pension scheme	2033
Issue of sea worthiness certificates	22337
Registration of boat yards	23
Registration of fishing gear suppliers	10

3.3.2 1 Million Insurance for Accidental Deaths of fishers:

Considering the risk nature encountered by fishermen, various insurance schemes are under way aiming at ensuring the economic security of the fisher families. Accordingly, a new accidental insurance scheme was introduced for the fishermen free of charge by the government in 2016.

Under this 1 million insurance cover is given to the dependents of a fisherman who died due to the disasters/accidents while engaging in fishing operations. This programme has launched in coordination with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and National Insurance Trust Fund and insurance compensations have been offered for 14 beneficiary families during this year.

3.3.3. Divi Saura Insurance Scheme

All life accidents (insured's deaths, partial or permanent disability and disappearance) which may occur at sea and on the land are covered by the "Divi Saura Life Insurance Scheme", which is launched by the Ceylinco Insurance with the co-ordination of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Total insurance premium payable by a member is Rs.1036.00 (including taxes) per year.

Compensation of Rs.1, 000,000/- is offered for insured's death, partial or permanent disability by accident whereas a sum of Rs.200, 000/- is compensated for a natural death by this.

New enrollments for the insurance scheme	8148
Renewals	58422
No. of fisher families which have obtained benefits for the year 2018	58

3.3.4 Diyawara Diriya Loan Scheme

Diyawara Diriya Low Interest Loan Scheme is being launched by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources together with the Bank of Ceylon in order to upgrade the standard of fishing crafts and to provide relief for the fishermen with the objective of developing the fisheries industry and exploiting more qualitative fish harvest by introducing new technology.

Under this, loans are granted to each beneficiary subject to the maximum amount of Rs.15 million and the interest rate is as follows.

- 5% Interest rate charged from the borrower if the amount of loan is less than Rs.2 million
- 7% Interest rate charged from the borrower if the amount of loan more than Rs.2 million
- In this loan scheme, 4% interest rate is subsidized for each fisherman by the Government.
- In granting these loans, priority is given for undertakings such as improvement to the boat yards, construction of fishing boats over 55ft in length, advancement of new technology (RSW, CSW), installation of longlines and winch machines etc.
- Loans have been granted for 513 beneficiaries totaling Rs.1265.58 million.

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

A 50% subsidy scheme was launched by the Government as from 2006 by recognizing the necessity of building fishing boats over 55ft in length ,equipped with modern devices and directing the fishermen towards it aiming at exploiting high quality increased fish harvest.

Construction of 05 fishing boats of more than 55ft long was started under it in 2017 and the said process was carried on in the year 2018.

3.3.6. Programme of the granting 50% subsidy to upgrade new technology in fishing crafts

Under this 50% subsidy has granted for providing /repairing longlines, winch machines and cooling systems for the fishing boats and Rs.175 million has been allocated for the year 2018 under this program. The progress of the program as mentioned below;

Activity	No. of beneficiaries	Allocation Rs. M	Progress
Providing 156 long line units	156	52	156 long lines sets have been granted
Providing 47 winch machines	47	30	Winch machines have been provided.
Upgrading cooling systems of fishing crafts	20	93	Improved cooling systems in 20 fishing boats

3.3.7 Diyawara piyasa Housing & Sanitary Facilities Improvement Programme:

This programme had been launched from the year 2017 with the objective of providing housing and sanitary facilities for the fisher folks who lack proper housing and sanitary facilities in their fishing villages.

Under this programme Rs. 3lakh has granted for constructing new house, Rs.1 lakh has granted for renovating a house. Similarly, a sum of Rs.30, 000/- has granted to a fishing family lacking sanitary facilities to build a toilet and Rs.15, 000/- to carry out renovations to an existing one.

Accordingly, three model fisheries housing projects were started at Kirimundalama in Puttalam, Sagarapura in Trincomalee and Viharamahadevipura in Tangalle in 2017, incurring a cost of Rs.34.5million and in 2018, the cost of 38.4 million has been incurred to carry out renovations to houses for 427 fisher families and to provide sanitary facilities for another 371 fisher families.

3.3.8 Lagoon Development:

The main objective of this programme is to conserve the lagoon ecosystem which consisting of environmentally sensitive biodiversity to a sustainable development and also to upgrade the livelihood of fisher folks living around it. Accordingly, it was proposed to develop 18 lagoons out of the already identified 116 lagoons in Sri Lanka under this project, among which prioritized lagoons are as follows.

- Puttalam Lagoon
- Rekawa Lagoon
- Panama Lagoon
- Nayaru Lagoon
- Arugambe Lagoon

3.3.8.1. Demarcation of Lagoon Boundaries

Lagoon Environmental pollution has been a major problem at present due unauthorized constructions and various human activities which are carried out inflicting damages to the environmental conditions. Therefore initial work was commenced during the year under review to demarcate lagoon boundaries, having understood its necessity, in order to maintain the same as a dedicated conservative zone. Under this, surveys and demarcation activities of 10 lagoons selected on a priority basis are to be undertaken. Further, steps have been taken to purchase 19,888 demarcation posts for this purpose and manufacturing of demarcation posts is being carried out incurring a cost of Rs.30 million at present.

3.3.8.2 Promoting Environmental friendly fishing gears

Providing environmental friendly fishing gears to selected 1391 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.55 million aiming at promoting environmental friendly fishing gear in place of destructive and illegal fishing gear in lagoons.

3.3.8.3 increase lagoons production capacity

Stocking fish fingerlings in lagoons to increase production capacity-under which action has been taken to stock number of 148500 Tilapia fingerlings in 13 lagoons and 10 821 500 shrimp fingerlings in 17 lagoons at a cost of Rs.29.187 million.

3.3.8.4. Development of infrastructure facilities around lagoons

The amount of Rs.195 million has been released under the development of infrastructure facilities around lagoons. Accordingly, the 1197 activities such as improvements to the landing sites of lagoons, development of access roads ,deepening lagoon landing sites are been carried out and the improve sanitary facilities for 995 beneficiaries under this programme.

3.3.9. Livelihood Development Programmes:

Seabass culture and seaweed farming projects are to be commenced at a cost of Rs.66.65 million for 376 beneficiaries with a view to uplifting the livelihood of fisher folks around lagoons. Construction of cages and purchase of fingerlings are now in progress.

Also, with a view to improving the post-harvest technology, fisher families especially fisher women have been provided with technical know-how about the production of dried fish, Maldives fish together with basic equipment to start/upgrade such projects

Accordingly the technical trainings and basic equipment are provided for 156 beneficiaries in Matara district to produce Maldives fish and another 60 beneficiaries in Puttalam district to produce dried fish.

3.3.10. Development of Infrastructure Facilities:

Under the implementation of development programmes, the different infrastructure development projects were launched during the year, covering all the fisheries districts. Improvement of landing sites, supply of beacon lamps, improvement to the access roads, upgrading fish sales outlets, construction of net manufacturing centers /community halls, deepening of estuaries and lagoon were implemented in this year.

Under this programme, the following infrastructure development projects were carried out with using Rs.92 million allocation.

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
1	Concreting over the by road about 200meters-Dicwella	Matara	200	0.7

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
2	Renovation to the Mirissa, Bandaramulla Nugahena road	Matara	150	1.939
3	Construction of Vallipuram Preschool	Jaffna	300	3.23
4	Construction of Udayapuram Net making centre	Jaffna	30	03
5	Renovation to coastal road- Thirukadalar	Trincomalee	600	2.0
6	Supply of electricity to the Kodebay Community and Multipurpose Centre	Trincomalee	550	0.0443
7	Supply of LED bulbs and electricity to the Sirimapura coastal line	Trincomalee	300	0.5397
8	Repairs to the Fisheries Community Hall and construction of the parapet wall-Oddamawadi	Batticaloa	250	0.612
9	Construction of Sea Access Road (250 M)- Oddamawadi	Batticaloa	250	2.0
10	Construction of Fisheries Community Hall-Kayankerni	Batticaloa	250	2.0
11	Concreting over Palayadthona	Batticaloa	200	2.0
12	Construction of Fisheries Community Hall-Thiyawaththan	Batticaloa	420	2.0
13	Construction of Community Hall at Pinwatta	Kalutara		8.191
14	Construction of access road to the Muhattuwarem Landing Site.	Kalmunai	1900	1.135
15	Renovation to the road leading to the Sinhapura Fisheries Village -1.5Km	Kalmunai	240	1.0
16	Supply of Beacon lamps and electricity to the Wella Addara landing site	Galle	150	0.02
17	Concreting over the access road leading to St.Sebasthain Fisheries Village	Negombo	200	1.18

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
18	Concreting over the northern road in the Fisheries Inspector's Office of Kudapaduwa	Negombo	100	0.264
19	Renovation to the Early Childhood Development Centre belonging to the Mankuliya Rural Fisheries Organization	Negombo	75	1.499
20	Construction of a sun protection hut for the Senanayake landing site of Aluthkuruwa Fisheries Inspector's office	Negombo	25	0.986
21.	Construction Rajapakshapura landing site and sun protection hut	Negombo	150	0.455
22.	Construction of a sun protection hut for the lagoon fisheries landing site located at St.Peduru Mawatha in Sinnakurakupanaya	Mahawewa	40	0.583
23	Concreting over the access road to the Dummaladeniya Thaldeka landing site in the Fisheries Inspector's Office of Wennappuwa (50 M)	Mahawewa	400	0.299
24	Laid tar the road from Lagoon Fisheries landing site at Iranawila East to Fisheries Village in Iranawila East(300M)	Mahawewa	80	1.799
25	Laid tar on the gravel road met when going ahead along the road close to the Cooperative shop of Thoduwawa North	Mahawewa	275	1.798
26	Cotruction of sidewall of the ditch draining water into the lagoon	Tangalle	400	0.395
27	Concreting over the Gramodaya Mawatha of Kudawella North	Tangalle	250	0.353
28	Concreting over the Modarawatta Mawatha of Kudawella West	Tangalle	300	0.819
29	Laying concrete bricks on the Samagi Mawatha of Kudawella Central	Tangalle	250	0.429

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
30	Construction of sidewall of the access road of Kudawella/Kalapugoda Mahawela	Tangalle	300	1.99
31	Setting the landing site- Thoreadiya	Puttalam	230	0.52
32	Concreting over the road -Thoreadiya	Puttalam	230	2.0
33	Construction sun protection huts- Kandakuliya Evanwadiya	Puttalam	150	1.0
34	Construction sun protection huts- Kandakuliya Negombo	Puttalam		1.0
35	Dredging sand from Kandakuliya estuary	Puttalam	100	0.6
36	Concreting over the road about 1Km distance from Manathivu junction to Anakuththiya	Puttalam	200	1.9
37	Deepening the Landing site of Kurinjampitiya Kurusaadiya	Puttalam	125	0.5
38	Construction of Palavi road	Kilinochchi	80	1.5
39	Construction of the Community Hall at Sebastianpuram	Kilinochchi	100	2.5
40	Construction of Semmalai road	Mullaitivu		1.5
41	Construction of Uppuweli road	Mullaitivu		3.5
42	Laying concrete pavers on the access road leading to Pahajjawa lagoon	Tangalle	250	1.0
43	Renovation to the road adjacent to the house of D.V.Premadasa of Ihalagoda Moraketiara West	Tangalle	250	0.999
44	Renovation to road of Higgahawatta Moraketiara West	Tangalle		0.9997
45	Concreting over the remaining part of Gurupokuna Co-operative Mawatha	Tangalle	300	0.5864
46	Renovation to the Uduwewa road by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	200	0.9997

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
47	Renovation to the remaining part of Panwila Lake road by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	250	0.9999
48	Laying concrete pavers on the Boraluwa second cross street in the Gramaniladhari Division of Netolpitiya South	Tangalle	250	0.9997
49.	Construction of the ditch of Mahawela Uranpilissu ara Road in Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division	Tangalle	300	0.840
50.	Construction of the canal of Mahawela temple road.	Tangalle	250	0.9998
51	Laying concrete pavers on the road from close by Thalgaha shop to the house of Mr.Priyantha Kumara	Tangalle	200	0.999
52	Concreting over the 1 st lane of Gamunu Mawatha Madilla	Tangalle	350	0.8798
53	Laying concrete pavers on the road leading to Wewaldeniya North of Idigodapokuna	Tangalle	250	0.7562
54	Laying concrete pavers on the remaining part of the road leading to the coast of Walauwatta East,Moraketaara	Tangalle	300	0.756
55	Renovation to a part of the lagoon road of Kotuattawa East ,Moraketaara by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	300	0.999
56	Construction of the box culvert of the lagoon road of Kotuattawa East ,Moraketaara	Tangalle	350	0.882
57	Concreting over the road leading to the houses of Mr.Puvsingha in Mawella South	Tangalle	250	0.33
58	Renovation to the remaining part of Soldier Jayatissa Mawatha of Beligoda Yawatta by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	350	0.281

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
59	Renovation to the by-road ahead close by No.153 Lamamituru Village by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	300	0.998
60	Renovation to the by road of the road leading to the Gurupokuna harbour ,Bataatha South from the beginning of the road leading to the Hamukanwa Provincial Council land by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	250	0.999
61	Renovation to the by- road of the road leading to the Gurupokuna harbour ,Bataatha South from the beginning of the road close by the house of Mr.Priyantha by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	300	0.999
62	Renovation to the by- road of the road leading to the Gurupokuna harbour ,Bataatha South from the beginning of the road towards west close by Palu tree nearby the Lindeyaya lake by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	200	0.999
63	Renovation to the by- road of the road leading to the Gurupokuna harbour beginning from the nearby house of Mr.Saliya by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	250	0.999
64	Renovation to the 3 rd lane of Tsunami village in Galmulla Hathagala beginning from the nearby house of Mrs.Deepamali by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	300	0.999
65	Renovation to the remaining part of the fisheries village road within the Grama Niladhari Division of Wellodaya by installing concrete pavers	Tangalle	200	01
66	Renovation to the road towards north starting from the transformer at Oruwella junction within the Grama Niladhari Division of Rekawa East	Tangalle	200	0.999

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
67	Renovation to the by- road up to Mr.Shantha's house from the Obesekara Labima Road within the Grama Niladhari Division of Wellodaya by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	250	1.377
68	Renovation to the village boundary road (Kananke Lake road) within the Grama Niladhari Division of Netolpitiya South by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	200	0.999
69	Renovation to the by- road up to Mr.Sunil Mathagaweera's house from the Obesekara Labima Road within the Grama Niladhari Division of Wellodaya by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	300	1.143
70	Renovation to the road towards south at the close by Labima lake within the Grama Niladhari Division of Netolpitiya South by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	250	0.999
71	Renovation to the road from the close by house of Mr.S.P.Mrtin of Boraluwa Rekawa by installing concrete pavers.	Tangalle	250	0.998
72	Laying concrete pavers on the road from Environmental Study Centre – Boraluwa up to NARA	Tangalle	250	0.999
73	Laying concrete pavers on the Samagi Mawatha in Kudawella Central	Tangalle	250	0.429
74	Construction of the side wall of the ditch flowing water into the lagoon of Katuattwa Moraketiara East	Tangalle	400	0.395
75	Laying concrete pavers on the road (Labuhena Road) leading to Pahajjawa lagoon starting the close to the house of Mr.A.G.Syril up to the house of Chandima Nilantha	Tangalle	50	1.999

S. No.	Project	District	No. of Beneficiaries	Cost Rs. Million
76	Concreting over the Erakkandi first fisheries road	Trincomalee	600	1.785
77	Concreting over the Kurinjankarna lagoon road -Kinniya	Trincomalee		2
78	Concreting over the Kakamunai Wadi road in Kinniya	Trincomalee		2
79	Concreting over the Madina Nagar road in Kinniya	Trincomalee		2
80	Concreting over the Thamarawil Lagoon road in Kinniya	Trincomalee		2
81	Concreting over the lagoon road opposite the Nadathivu Church,Kinniya	Trincomalee	200	2
82	Concreting over the Erakkandi second fisheries road	Trincomalee	400	1.745
83	Concreting over the by-road in Samadana village	Kalmunai		2
84	Installation of five culverts along the road from Anakkuththiya to Manathivu junction.	Puttalam	150	1.167
85	Concreting over the Nininidaur cross road	Kalmunai	150	2.0
86	Construction of the ditch of Pahajjawa Kahapellassawa road.	Tangalle	100	1.524

4. Fishery Products Quality Control Division.

4.1 Objective

Main objective of the Fishery Product Quality Control Unit is to ensure the high standard of quality and safety of fish and fishery products exported to the international market from Sri Lanka for human consumption by implementation of the Fish Products (Export) Regulations published in 1998. In addition to that taking necessary action to ensure the quality and safety of fish and fishery products placed in the local market, by implementation of the Fish Handling and Distribution Regulations of 1997 and Regulation of Catch Certification process.

4.2. Activities

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

- Issuance of licenses for fish processing establishments.
- Issuance of operating licenses for 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.
- Issuance of health certificates for each consignment of fish/ fishery products for export.
- Approval of 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.
- Issues of fish catch certificates.

4.3. Progress – 2018

4.3.1. Fish production, quality control and minimizing of post-harvest loss.

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

The number of fish processing establishments of which the registration was renewed in the year under review is 61.

EU processing factories	34
Non EU processing factories	10
Packaging centers (China & Middle East countries)	17

4.3.3. Issuing of health certificates

Health certificates are issued by the Quality Control Division for each exporting consignment according to the requirements of the importing country.

Main export markets:

European Union countries

USA

Japan

Non-European Union countries

No. of Health Certificates	42,923
No. of Fish Catch Certificates	11,441

Rupees 200/- is charged for a certificate. Accordingly, a sum of Rupees 8,584,600/- was collected and credited to the public revenue through the Finance Division.

4.4.4. Sea food exported under Health Certificates:

sea food was exported under the Health certificates issued by the Quality Control Division	24 ,838 Mt
foreign exchange was earned by fish export	42,085 million Rupees

4.3.5. Official Sampling programme

Details of samples obtained from 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018.

Places from which the samples were collected	Sample type	No. of samples collected
Fish processing factories	Micro biological analysis.	
	Water	21
	Ice	21
	Shrimp/ Fish	23
	Chemical analysis	
	Histamine	17
	Heavy metals	20
Prawn farms.	Chemical analysis	
	Pesticides	4
	Heavy metals	4
	Antibiotics	36
	Malachite green	2
	Mycotoxin	6

5. Fisheries Operation Division

5.1. Objective

The operations division consists of three units of surveillance, vessel monitoring and high seas. Main objective of this division is to protect fisher folks by way of providing radio communication transmission facilities in between the land and fishing vessels which are engaged in fishing operations in and off the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka, and ensuring compliance with the laws and regulations of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, by way of observing the local multi-day fishing vessels operating in the High Seas on Vessel Monitoring System.

5.2. Activities:

1. Providing of radio communication facilities between the fishing vessels and the land.
2. Taking over of licenses and call signals for communication in fishing vessels.
3. Confirmation of information in the case of fishermen and craft.
4. Repatriation of fishermen and boats arrested by foreign countries in foreign countries.
5. Action is taken to save the floating seas in the international maritime boundary.
6. Providing information facilities for small and one-day crafts and making aware the fishing community.
7. Daily weather reports and weather forecasts are provided on a daily basis.
8. To inform the vessels on the information provided by the monitoring system.
9. Making aware the relevant institutions about unauthorized foreign fishing vessels and mechanics.
10. Conducting fishing trawlers and catching fishermen.
11. Vessel tracking equipment on board multi-day trawlers leaving the high seas.
12. Installation of fishing observation equipment for Multi-day fishing vessels engaged in the seas.
13. Training of Officers in the Monitoring Observation Division and other related Divisions.
14. Obtain the reports under the following details at 7.00 am, 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm.
15. Obtaining records of arrival at the fishing vessels and each boat map.
16. Obtaining reports on fishing vessels approaching the port with in 48Km.
17. Obtaining reports on fishing vessels that violate the borders
18. Obtaining reports on fishing boats that have left the harbor.
19. Obtaining reports on battery disconnections in the vessels.
20. Obtaining reports on the disconnection of inner-battery of the vessels that battery disconnected.
21. Obtaining reports of the vessels that battery connected again.
22. Receipt of missing records during time horizon.
23. Location of the all vessels updated to the International Unit.
24. Identify the craft of the craft and the information collection division.
25. Obtaining and managing information of vessels engaged in the high seas fishing operations.
26. Verification of information of vessels engaged in the high seas fishing operations.
27. Inserting log reports in to the database and management of them.
28. Investigating in to the information and taking legal action.

5.3. Progress– 2018

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 radio centres at Jaffna, Valachchenai and Dikovita fishery harbours. Accordingly, arrangements have been made to purchase new radio communication devices for it. Also new powerful radio communication devices have been purchased in place of the old and worn out devices and antenna systems connected with it are to be installed as per the technical standard, by which it is expected to maintain the auditory level at high standard.

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 compensation 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 2018	195
Number of deaths due to accidents at the sea	18
Number of fishing boats destroyed due to accidents	06

As the Department does not possess salvage boats to rescue fishing boats and crews in distress, bring them to the land and providing them with immediate treatment assistance of the Sri Lanka Navy was sought in that behalf. The Navy has provided a great contribution to rescue and salvage fishers and fishing crafts in distress upon our request, incurring a cost of Rs.2.5 billion.

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	14	04	09	01
Maldives	30	05	24	04
Seashells	06	01	06	-
Iran	-	-	04	-
Reunion	02	12	06	-

In this rescue mission, assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the assistance of the Sri Lanka's High Commission in India and Maldives, France as well as in London 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 salvaged
945	189

Most of these fishing crafts belonging to the counties such as India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Maldives, Andaman/Nicobar Islands, Myanmar, Bangladesh Yemen, Sea cells Australia Reunion (French islands) and Diego-Garcia were drifted away and 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. Provision of communication facilities for small and one-day fishing boats

The Department signed contact with the Dialog PLC to send early warnings of sudden weather changes promptly to the small fishing boats and fishermen engaged in coastal fisheries industry with the objective of protecting their lives. In keeping with it the first pilot project of its kind is being carried out in Galle district targeting 100 fishers under the fullest supervision of the Department of Meteorology. The Dialog Company is due to spend a sum of Rs. 2.5 million to provide the short message service (SMS) in the year 2019.

In 2018, funds, allocations and facilities were provided for the officers in Head Office to purchase 05 equipment in order to experiment the methods of sending messages to the small boats.

5.3.7. Making aware of fisher folks

Although it is an essential requirement to make the fisher folks/ fishers and boat owners aware of the ways and means and instructions to be followed in distress at sea, how to obtain emergency assistance by contacting with the land, the measures to be adopted to protect lives in stormy condition which occurs due to weather hazards and how to obtain radio license, the same could not be carried out in a proper manner. Further boat accidents were on the increase owing to the rise in drug addiction among crew members resulting more deaths and boat destruction. In the recent past there is more inclination of using fishing boats for organized illegal migration. Similarly, technical hazards in fishing boats at sea have increased and especially, as these hazards have occurred near the maritime boundaries of other countries such occurrences have to be communicated to the rescue operation centres of the said countries through the diplomatic mediation. Therefore awareness campaigns should be conducted for boat owners to encourage them to check boats before departure to ensure that they are fit enough to engage in fishing operations at sea. Also it is illegal to use unauthorized frequencies by boat owners and fishers in the use of radio transmission when linking with the land without using approved frequencies of the Department and therefore they should be educated to stop the same.

5.3.8. Transfer of 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.	132
02.	No of faulty VMS devices returned	11

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

Serial No.	Description	No.
01.	Power down of VMS device.	804
02.	Border crossings of other countries	33
03.	No.of wrecked boats reported through inspection of distress alerts	16

5.3.10. 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
Kalpitiya	04
Negombo	362
Dicovita	636
Beruwala	343
Ambalangoda	119
Hikkaduwa	118
Galle	639
Mirissa	295
Dondra	339
Kottegoda	55

Harbour	No. of departure codes
Nilwella	83
Kudawella	636
Tangalle	181
Hambanthota	80
Kirinda	-----
Oluwil	21
Valaichchenai	43
Trincomalee	1004
Point Pedro	02

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

1	No. of fishing operations completed at High– Seas	17075
2	No. of log book copies received by the Unit pertaining to the high seas Fishing operations.	17044

5.3.12. 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	8225
2.	No. of intimations made to the boat owners who failed to give Verification reports.	41

5.3.13. Inserting data of log reports into store and management of them.

1.	No. of log pages of which data was inserted into stores.	46840
2.	No. of log pages incomplete and erroneously filled	3207
3.	No. of Intimations made to the boat owners with regard to erroneously Perfected and incomplete log pages.	120

5.3.14. Examining the information and taking legal action:-

1.	No. of border crossings reported through VMS.	16
2.	VMS devices off.	153
3.	Obtaining statements pertaining to IUU matters	70
4.	Cancellation of pilot licences.	23
5.	Cancellation of vessel departure.	170
6.	Cancellation of vessel operation licences.	
7.	Instruction for instituting legal proceedings.	27
8.	Charging administrative fines.	17
9.	Warnings.	223

6. Training and Investigation Division

6.1 Objective

To build a better relationship among fisher folks, fisheries officers and other parties with a view to fulfilling the set objectives of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to sustainably develop the fisheries industry by means of the application of new technology and sound resource management in conformity with the international maritime laws and conventions for making an effective contribution to the national economy of Sri Lanka.

6.2. Activities

To achieve the above objectives, the following activities are being undertaken by the Training and Investigation Division.

1. Formulation of the annual training plan and the annual awareness programme.
2. Organization of training and capacity development programmes for all the officers.
3. Conducting training programmes for the professional education of fisher families.
4. Supervision of training programmes in relation to the skippers.
5. Monitoring of factory trainings for students of universities and fisheries technical colleges.
6. Organization of awareness programmes for fishers, which conducted at district level.
7. Awareness programmes for fisher women on alternative income generation.
8. Organization of Awareness programmes for all stake holders.
9. Evaluation and analysis of training programs and awareness programs.
10. Formulation of the annual inspection and raid plan and the annual Investigation plan. .
11. Inspection and Investigation of all district offices and fisheries inspector's offices.
12. Inspection and Investigation of all radio communication centres and harbour offices.
13. Inspection and Raid of establishments which product and supply of fishing boats and fishing gears and establishments which supply of fish baits.
14. Inspection and Raid of establishments which process and supply of fish products.
15. Grant approval to the District Assistant Directors to conduct raids on illegal activities.
16. Monitoring of district level inspection, investigation and Raid activities
17. Supervision of the investigation activities into the violation of laws identified by the Vessel Monitoring System.
18. Investigation activities pertaining to establishments which product and supply of fishing boats and fishing gears, supply of fish baits and process and supply of fish products
19. Publishing special investigations and summons the officers for special investigations.
20. Coordination with the Attorney General's Department with regard to all the investigations.
21. Providing technical evidence
22. Investigations into all the district offices, fisheries inspector's offices, radio communication centers and harbour offices.
23. Granting recommendations to the Director General for the nomination of authorized officers in terms of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act and Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) Act.

24. Supervision of convening the Board of recovering the administrative laws and implementation of the system of collecting administrative fines.
25. Analysis of information on test reports provided by the officers who are participating in overseas tours and trainings and providing summary reports.
26. Preparation of specifications and manuscripts for creating awareness-raising leaflets, booklet and video footage.

6.3. Progress in 2018

6.3.1. Progress of trainings and awareness programmes-2018

Progress of trainings and awareness programmes				
Ser. No	Description of programmes	No. of days	No. of programmes	No. of participants
1	Making aware of the fisher folks and parties about the Fisheries Act, Regulations and Fisheries Management	27	27	1806
2	Awareness programmes on Fisheries Law for the Navel Officers and Coast Guards	2	2	173
3	Basic training programmes on investigations and raids for field officers	3	3	190
4	Training programmes on skill development and women empowerment	2	2	129
5	Training Programmes on providing basic computer training	12	12	248
	Total No. of programmes	46	46	2546
	Total No. of awareness programmes	23		
	Total No. of training programmes	23		

6.3.2. Progress of the investigations (High Seas) carried out in the year 2018

Offence committed	No. of investigations commenced	No. of investigations concluded	No. of investigations not completed	No of cases Prosecutions in the court	No of cases referred to Administrative board / Mediation
Border crossing	16	16	-	-	-
VMS off	153	145	07	-	01
Fishing operations cases in any other country	13	13	-	13	07

6.3.3. Progress of the investigations (local waters) carried out within 2018

Offence committed	No. of investigations commenced	No. of investigations concluded	No. of investigations not completed	No. of Prosecution in the court	No of cases referred to Administrative Board / Mediation
Cases with regard to data record book	08	08	-	-	-
Catching thresher sharks	01	01		-	-
Fishing operations without incenses	08	08	-	-08	07
Catching illegal fish species (Thambuwa)	02	02	-	01	-
Fish export without a permit	01	01	-	01	-
Possessing Spiny lobsters without a license	01	01	-	01	-
Catching sea cucumber without a license	01	01	-	01	-
Possession, sale and displaying for sale of prohibited fishing nets	02	02	-	02	-
Sale/purchase/ acceptance/ possession/ transportation of fish exploited by means of poisonous explosives or any substance (including dynamite)	04	04	-	04	-

6.3.4. Penalties imposed on investigations carried out in 2018

Offence committed	Payment of fines after the investigations	Amount of fines recovered by now	Fines imposed by courts
Border crossing	500000	50000	-
VMS off	1450000	1200000	-
Fishing operations cases in any other country	-	-	-
Cases with regard to data record book	08	40000	-
Catching thresher sharks	-	-	pending
Fishing operations without incenses	07	-	30,000
Catching illegal fish species (Thambuwa)	-	-	25,000
Fish export without a permit	-	-	pending
Possessing Spiny lobsters without a license	-	-	30,000
Catching sea cucumber without a license	-	-	30,000
Possession, sale and displaying for sale of prohibited fishing nets	02	-	25,000
Sale / purchase / acceptance / possession / transportation of fish exploited by means of poisonous explosives or any substance (including dynamite)	-	-	pending

6.3.5. Inspection carried out at institutions during the year 2018

Ser. No.	Description	Number
01	Inspection of institutions exporting lobsters	06
02	Inspection of the standard of the cool rooms storing fish	01
03	Inspection of institutions importing baits	10

6.3.6. Progress of raids carried out by the Investigation Division during the year 2018

Ser. No.	Description of raids	Number
1	Possession/transportation/displaying for sale of prohibited fish species	03
2	Possession/transportation/displaying for sale of prohibited fishing nets	02
3	Sale/purchase/acceptance/possession/transportation of fish exploited by means of poisonous explosives or any substance (including dynamite)	04
4	Involvement in illegal fishing operations without a license (Purse seine fishing operations)	08
5	Raiding of institutions exporting lobsters	06
6	Raids for inspecting the standard of cold rooms storing fish	01
7	Raids on institutions which import baits	10
8	Prosecution against the involvement in fishing operations at high seas/within the Exclusive Economic Zone of another country without license	10

7. Information Technology Division

7.1. Objective

The objective of this division is to prepare the online application for the proper maintenance of the information technology network of the Department which is the essential and modern infrastructure facility needed to fulfill the objectives of the Department, operate the online application system of the Department as well as to handle the relevant hardware, which includes data analysis and reporting and trainings associated with information technology.

7.2. Activities

1. Upgrading and launch of the official website of the Department
2. Preparation of official Email Accounts of the officers
3. Preparation of the departmental online application
4. Distribution of tabs to the officers
5. Officer training on Basic Information Technology
6. Secondary Training on Information Technology
7. Document Management System (DMS)
8. Maintain the Database of the Head Office
9. Purchase and maintenance of Sever System for the Department
10. E- Log System
11. Crew based observer

7.3 Progress in 2018

1. Upgrading and launch of the official website of the Department

This unit operates the updated official website of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and the documentation in this website is often encoded as a simple text file. It is a simple directory structure and a government website that can be used to select files.

This includes a description of any service providers managed by the Department continuously and a description of the service delivery steps.

Separate Web pages for all fisheries districts operating under the Department of Fisheries are displayed in it and a description of the services and development projects carried out by the Department are also included in the Website.

Any contact details of the department can be found here and can be accessed through www.fisheriesdept.gov.lk.

2. Preparation of official E-mail Accounts of the Officers

The e-mail accounts of all staff grade officers of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department have already been finalized and the activities of the Head Office and District Offices are being coordinated. This e-mail address is used in particular by various means of communication for staff officers, which is done via the physical transport channels

The e-mail addresses, can be used especially for staff officers for messaging, and through which it is possible to communicate and coordinate with accuracy and efficiency without inefficiency, time-elaboration, money-sharing, etc., through the physical media.

Particularly, software updates, awareness of staff grade officers, and special emergency information notifications by the Head office, are carried out by electronic mail officers' accounts. Currently, accounts of all staff grade officers have been finalized.

3. Preparation of the Departmental Online Application

There are three main systems in the networking technical plan, i.e. Linking Head Office and the fields, networking at national level, and handling and reporting scientific data.

As a result of networking, the current registration and operating licenses in the paper medium will be issued online. Currently, about 20 other duties performed in the paper medium are covered. Currently, all fishery products and scientific data of paper medium are expected to be obtained through the Information Network. The access for the data will be provided to NARA and the Statistical Division. All mail transactions of the Department will be networked. This will be the basis for a continuous official monitoring system.

As networking measures, preparation of online application, modernization of the website, networking and installation of web servers, provision of tabs for field officers, purchase of necessary equipment for the field have been done. The online application will be ready by February 2019 and the pilot project could be trialed by March, 2019.

4. Distribution of tabs to the officers

All field activities related to the implementation of the proposed Networking of the Department will be carried out by the Special Software provided to the Field Officers. It allows the officers to handle daily routine duties on the main program and handle them. The distribution of 284 tabs to the officers has already been completed.

The tabs with officers' software for the officers of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department are made use of photographing the landing fishing vessels in the harbor daily through multi-day fishing vessels and submit them to the Information Technology Division of the Head Office thereby facilitating to confirm the coverage of port duties on that day. There, the photographs of fish catch harvested by fishing vessel, non-targeted fish should be sent via SMS through the email address in the tab.

5. Officer Training on Basic Information Technology

A programme to provide basic computer training was conducted in the auditorium throughout the month of November, 2018 under the introduction of online application to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. By this programme, training on basic information technology was provided for 237 officers representing all the selected field officers in each district office. In line with this, basic computer training was also given to 56 radio officers and all District Assistant Directors. At the end of the training, certificates were also awarded on participants.

6. Document Management System (DMS)

Document Management Software (DMS) is a supportive system for publishing, storage, indexing and processing. Document Management Software (DMS) is the way to organize, store, manage and follow their electronic documents.

This software, with a large bandwidth operating on internal servers, depends on the data server. The software reduces the storage space, security, regulatory compliance, enhanced convenience, reduced physical space, and digital storage.

Since the software exchange program DMS of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has been finalized by now the programme was introduced to 26 officers of the Head Office under the initial stage at the beginning of November, 2018. A staff member from each section of the Head Office and three officers participated in this training.

7. Maintain the Database's Head Office

Currently, internet speed of the Net Work structure of the Head Office has been doubled from 2 Mbps to 4 Mbps. The network connection has been updated to Fiber mode. Officials now have access to the internet more easily.

In addition, Wi-Fi has been provided for all sectors, through which it is possible to access the main network and to the government information network via LGN Wi-Fi. All the persons visiting the Head Office are able to get free access to the Government Information Network using their NIC numbers.

8. Purchase and maintenance of Sever System of the Department

The initial stage of installation of the server network for departmental network and software has been completed by now. Accordingly,

1. Upgrade
2. Power Sever to run the mobile network
3. Severs for Backups

The eight-member network will be set up at the Head Office.

9. E Log System

Attention of the Department has now been drawn to develop the revenue through the implementation of the above management practices with the use of modern technology to save time and money of the fisherman. Electronic Pilot System for Fisheries Database Management is the latest in the region

The method was inspired by the Department as a project introduced under the Road Map implemented by EU. The European Commission has commended the methodology proposed to reduce the shortcomings in the present data management system and had a positive impact in removing the ban on fishing. The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission has indicated that this method is now an easy electronic system in the world and has requested this to be introduced to other countries in the region.

The software was developed jointly by the University of Colombo and the Department of Fisheries and the final product was introduced by undergoing different levels of research for about one year period in a pilot project.

This software has been introduced to 2110 fishing boats. The source code of the software has been obtained from the University of Colombo and developed introduced to the fleet. Software development has been obtained from the University of Colombo and developed to identify the need of developing the software and to operate the system more successfully. Accordingly, this system can be run in mobile phones as well. The upgraded system is expected to be launched in January 2019.

10. Crew based observer

At present, scientific vessel observers have been proposed to obtain data similar to the one available to meet the difficulties of using small-sized yacht monitors. A fisherman travelling on the boat is used as an observer and allowed him to photograph all the fish catch. The objective of this system is to analyze the demographic situation and record scientific data by using this audio software. This allows you to optimize data more independently than any other type.

20 trips have been completed under Pilot observers under the Crew Based Observatory pilot project. Data analysis capability is available by means of the software. The suggestions in this regard have been submitted to the IOTC sessions and are evaluated as an independent data collection method. Today, this project is piloted and in the future it is expected to use this method as an alternative method instead of using scientific observation.

8. Administration Division.

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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.
- Obtaining, disposing, handing over, reserving and registration of vehicles.
- Follow up accuracy of running chart record and maintaining the records of vehicles.

8.3. Progress – 2018.

8.3.1. Grant of new appointments.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Junior Radio Officers (Contract)	09	2018.07.02
Fisheries Social Development Assistant (Contract)	01	2018.08.01
Fisheries Officers	25	2018.06.01

8 3.2. Promotions:

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Chief Radio Officer	01	2018.02.01

8.3.3. Retirement:-

Institution	No.	Effective Date
Chief Radio Officers	01	2018.01.06
Senior Radio Officers	01	2018.01.06
Fisheries Social Development Assistant	02	2018.08.31 / 2018.10.29
Junior Radio Officers	01	2018.12.15
Public Management Assistant	02	2018.03.14/ 2018.06.19
KKS	02	2018.04.13/ 2018.08.21
Driver	01	2018.04.30
Fisheries Inspector	02	2018.08.31/ 2018.12.01
Fisheries Officers	07	2018.03.09/ 2018.04.21/ 2018.05.03/2018.09.16 2018.10.01/ 2018.11.08/ 2018.11.30

8.3.4. Release from Service.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
KKS	05	2018.06.07 /2018.05.15
Fisheries Officer	05	2018.08.03 /2018.07.24 /2018.07.16
Fisheries Inspector	01	2018.07.24
Development Officer	05	2018.06.07 /2018.06.01 2018.11.02/ 2018.07.06

8.3.5 .Transfers to the Department.

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Director General	01	2018.02.07
Public Management Assistant	13	2018.03.07/2018.06.04/ 2018.07.02/ 2018.08.20
KKS	03	2018.03.02
Driver	03	2018.09.13 /2018.03.02
Development Officers	07	2018.12.06/2018.11.27 /2018.05.15 /2018.03.09/ 2018.03.02/ 2018.03.07/ 2018.06.14

8.3.6 .Transfers outside the Department:

Designation	No.	Effective Date
Public Management Assistant	12	2018.06.04/ 2018.03.02/ 2018.08.20/ 2018.08.24
Director General	01	2018.01.12
KKS	04	2018.02.28
Driver	02	2018.02.28
Development Officers	04	2018.08.03/ 2018.02.28/ 2018.07.06

8.3.7. Efficiency Bar Examination conducted for the officers:

Designation	No.	Date Conducted	Cost incurred Rs.
Quality Control Officers II	01	2018.05.05	₹22776.67.
Fisheries Inspector	13	2018.06.24	₹70655.00.

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

Institution	Course	Number of students	Duration
National Institute of Business Management	Computer	03	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
National Apprentice & Industrial Training Authority (NAITA)	Computer	06	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
National Youth Council	Computer	04	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
Vidatha Resource Centre-Madampe	Computer	00	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
High Technology Institute – Dehiwala	Computer	00	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
Vocational Training Authority	Computer	04	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01
Sri Lanka Institute of Printing	Computer	25	2018.12.31 – 2018.01.01

8.3.9. Preliminary inquiries and Disciplinary Inquiries:

	Being held	Started	Concluded.
Preliminary inquiries	10	06	00
Disciplinary Inquiry	-	02	00

8.3.10. Prior Activities of Recruitment

Category of Officers	Number of Posts	Steps taken
Marine Engineering Assistant	04	The notification has been drafted and send to the Department of Examination
Operational Officer	09	
Technical Officer	01	
Draftsman	01	
Quality Control Officers	14	
Fisheries Officers (Open/Limited)	22	Scheme of recruitment has been sent for amendment

8.3.11. Grant of Uniform Allowance relevant in the year 2018

Officers	No. of Officers	Amount granted
K.K.S. & Watchman	23	₹.4000 x 23 - ₹.92000
Driver	17	₹.4000 x 17 - ₹.68000
Total		₹160000.00

8.3.12. Preparation of Salary Conversions and grant of increments relevant to the year 2018

Officers	No. of Officers	Salary conversion	Grant of increments
Department Posts	87	87	67
K.K.S.	63	62	62
Driver	19	19	19
Fisheries Officers	95	95	80
Fisheries Inspector	40	37	30
Development Officers	224	219	171
Fisheries Resources Management Assistant	02	02	01
Public Management Assistant	142	142	109

8.3.13. Transferring the ownership of motorbikes, provided by the Project to the relevant officers.

Officer's name	Motorbike No.	Amount charged
S.D.P.N Samarathunga	VL-2708	13,650.00
Y.K.M.T.B Senarath	VW-9544	14,758.80
G.S.A Kumara	VW-9558	14,758.80
A.K Abeyrathne	VW-9506	14,758.80
R Raveenthiran	VW-9534	14,758.80
B Rameshkhanna	BAB-5695	16,490.00
G.S Wickramaratne	BAA-8513	16,490.00
Total		105,665.20

8.3.14. Grant of Agrahara Insurance benefits.

No. of applications submitted for insurance claims	194
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8.3.15. Grant of approval for the payment various loan advances:

Type of Loan	Number of Applications	Amount Approved Rs.
Distress loan	203	27,238,380.67
Loan for flood victims (Since 2018 Oct)	21	210,000.00

8.3.16. Responding to the public complaints:

No.of complaints received	No.of complaints settled	Still being dealt with	Left to be dealt with
75	23	52	-

8.3.17. 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
08	04	04

8.3.18.Fisheries Reward Fund

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8.3.19. Circuit Bungalow at Katharagama:

Number of days reserved	42
Income earned in from the reservation Rupees	34,050.00

8.3.20. Collection of Rental of Quarters:

Number of quarters given to the Officers on rental basis	04
Amount charged as rental income in Rupees	275,225.80

8.3.21. Issue of railway warrants and related payments activities

	No. of warrants issued
Railway warrants (official)	29
Rail warrants (private)	179

8.3.22. Payments of Rates

No. of District Offices	No. of Fisheries Offices	No. of Quarters	Amount paid in Rupees.
12	10	3	460,900.35

8.3.23. 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
1	14	7	12	2,696,325.33

8.3.24. 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	37	15	06	2,889,216.77
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	17	13	04	655,646.86

8.3.25. 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	27	471,388.93	-	-
Branches in Head Office	16	601,371.13	15	5,938,615.58
District Offices	15	852333.40	-	-
Harbor Offices	06	161,430.50	31	617,652.06

8.3.26. Payments for Common Amenities

Object of Common amenity	Amount paid in Rupees
Water	305235.83
Electricity	4059501.47
Lift	185116.64
Charges of security services	3704751.55
Charges of janitorial services	2403760.86
Rates	519119.28

8.3.27. Local Trainings

Serial No	Officers Participated	No. Of Officers	Name of the Programme	Programme Duration
1	Director - Admin Assistant Director - Admin	2	Lecture on "Developing the right organizational culture in the public service"	2018.01.29
2	Assistant Director - Management Quality Control Officer	3	Application for SLIDA Computer Driving License	
3	Public Management Assistant	1	Three Day Workshop On Clerical Skills	2018.03.19/20/21
4	Development Officer	2	Two Day Workshop On Establishment Code & Financial Regulations	2018.03.08/09
5	Public Management Assistant Fisheries Inspector	3	Basic Investigation	2018.03.21/22/23
6	Drivers	22	Drivers Training	2018.03.23/24
7	Staff Officers		Staff Officers Training	2018.03.29/30
8	Officers of Kalmunai District Office	40	5 S Concept	2018.04.11
9	Public Management Assistant	6	Salary Preparation of Government Officers	2018.04.27
10	Public Management Assistant	6	Maintaining a Personal File	2018.05.03
11	Fisheries Officers	2	Post Graduate	2018.04.06
12	Public Management Assistant & Development Officers	3	Computerized Government Payroll System	2018/05/09,10,11
13	Fisheries Officers	25	Induction Training for Newly Recruited Fisheries Officers	2018.06.04 - 2018.06.29

Serial No	Officers Participated	No. Of Officers	Name of the Programme	Programme Duration
14	Radio Officers		Radio Officers Training Programme	
15	Public Management Assistant Officers	23	Induction Training for newly recruited Public Management Assistants	2018.05.16 – 2018.05.23
16	Office Employment Service Staff	35	Training Workshop on Attitude Development and Employ Motivation for Office Employment Service Staff	2018.08.25-2018.08.26
17	Newly Recruited Graduate Trainees	35	Induction Training for newly recruited Graduate Trainees	2018.08.27 - 2018.09.07
18	Public Management Assistant	3	Training Workshop on Internal Auditing	2018.09.25 - 2018.09.27
19	Assistant Directors, Provincial Fisheries Inspectors and Chief Management Assistants of District Fisheries Offices	44	Information Technology and Capacity Building Training Programme	2018.11.20 - 2018.11.22
20	Administrative Officers	1	Training Programme on Changes of Audit Act	2018.10.25 - 2018.10.26
21	Public Management Assistant	1	Essence of Public Procurement Management	2018.10.29 - 2018.10.31
22	Development Officers	2	Public Financial Regulations	2018.11.26 - 2018.11.28

8.3.27. Overseas Trainings

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
1	Ms. H.P.K Hewapathirana – Director (Fisheries Operation)	TCAC Meeting IOTC in Seychelles	2018.02.02 - 2018.02.10
2	Mr. K. Suraj Chandrakumara (Fisheries Resources Management Assistant)	Follo up Managment for KOICA-PKNV scholarship Program in South Korea	2018.01.21-2018.02.09
3	Ms. H.P.K Hewapathirana - (Director Fisheries Operation)	G 16 Coastal States Meeting in South Afrika	2018.03.24 - 2018.03.29
4	Mr. M. Marcus (Director - Management)	The Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Measures in Seychelles	2018.03.05 - 2018.03.07

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
5	Mr. A.G.M.N Wimalasooriya (Development Officer)	Quality Infrastructure for Food Safety in Sweden	2018.02.03 - 2018.03.03
6	Mr. M. Marcus (Director - Management)	Pacific Global Zone based Tuna Fisheries Management Exchange Programme in Solemn Island	2018.02.12 - 2018.02.16
7	Ms. W.G. Inoka Lakshmi (Development Officer)	The Leadership Training Course of World Fisheries University Pilot Programme Programme in South Korea	2018.04.30 - 2019.02.22
8	Mr. H.J.M Nihal Palitha (Director – Development)	7th APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting (07) in Philippine	2018.05.07 - 2018.05.09
9	Mr. Rukshan C. Kroos (Assistant Director-Batticaloa)	Training Course on Molluscan Taxonomy and Biology, Annamali University, in India	2018.03.31 - 2018.04.14
10	Mr. K.P.M.S Perera (Chief Internal Auditor)	International Programme on Management Auditing for Public Sector Internal Auditors in Malaysia	2018.04.22 - 2018.04.29
11	Mr. K.L Gamini (Assisatant Director - Galle)	2018 Training Course on Developing Value - Added Fishery & Market for Developing Countries, in China	2018.05.21 - 2018.06.19
12	Mr. W.A Jayathissa (Development Officer)	ICFO Scholarship, International Co - operative Fisheries Organization, in Korea	2018.08.28 - 2020.09.01
13	Ms. W.S Wickramasinghe (Director-Quality Control)	22nd Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S22) and Associated Meetings, Bangkok, in Thailand	2018.05.11 - 2018.05.26
14	Mrs. H.P.K Heawapathirana – Director (Fisheries Operation)	22nd Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S22) and Associated Meetings, Bangkok, Thailand	2018.05.11 - 2018.05.26
15	Mr. M.Marcus (Director - Management)	20nd Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S22) and Associated Meetings, Bangkok, Thailand	2018.05.20 - 2018.05.26
16	Mr. M.M. Aritarathne (Assistant Director – High Seas)	22nd Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S22) and Associated Meetings, Bangkok, Thailand	2018.05.20 - 2018.05.26
17	Mrs. A.N.S Senevirathne (Quality Control Officer)	Workshop Cum Training Programme on " Fisheries and Aquaculture" Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) Cochin, Kerala India	2018.03.14 - 2018.03.28
18	Mr.T.M.D.T Peris (Assistant Director-Management)	International Consultative Workshop on Facilitating Seafood Market Access under the framework of FAO, China	2018.05.29 - 201806.01

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
19	Mrs. I.A.D.J.I Sooriyaarachchi (Director-Finance)	2018 Seminar on Value - added Fishery Product Development and Market System Construction for Developing Countries, China	2018.07.18 - 2018.08.07
20	Mrs. S.A.D Madhuwanthi (Development Officer)	2018 Seminar on Value - added Fishery Product Development and Market System Construction for Developing Countries, China	2018.07.18 - 2018.08.07
21	Mr. W.D.T.D Gunarathne (Development Officer)	2018 Seminar on Aquatic Animal Health Management and Quarentine for Countries along the "Maritime Silk Road", China	2018.07.18 - 2018.08.07
22	Mrs. A.H.S Ediriweera (Director - Training & Investigation)	International Fisheries Law Training Course, Wollongong, Australia	2018.09.03 - 2018.09.21
23	Mr T.M.D.T Peris (Assistant Director- Management)	Working Parties of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 2018 - WP on Neritic Tuna	2018.08.21 - 2018.08.24
24	Mrs. H.L.N.S Hearath (Assistant Director- Management)	Working Parties of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 2018 - WP on Billfish & Ecosystems and By-catch	2018.09.04 - 2018.09.14
25	Mr. M.M Ariyaratne (Assistant Director – High Seas)	Working Parties of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 2018 - WP on Methods & Tropical Tunas	2018.10.25 - 2018.11.03
26	Mr. N.D.P Gunawardhane (Director - Information & Communication Technology)	Working Parties of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 2018 - WP on Data Collection & Stat.	2018.11.29 - 2018.12.01
27	Mr. L.G.T Chandana (Asistant Director - Thangalla)	2018 Seminar on Fishery Development and Management for Countries along the "Silk Road Economic Belt", China	2018.08.16 - 2018.09.05
28	Mr. D.J Rexci (Development Officer)	2018 Seminar on Fishery Development and Management for Countries along the "Silk Road Economic Belt", China	2018.08.16 - 2018.09.05
29	Mr. U.R Wichramaarachchi (Fisheries Officer)	2018 Seminar on Fishery Development and Management for Countries along the "Silk Road Economic Belt", China	2018.08.16 - 2018.09.05
30	Mr. H.A.S Weearasinghe (Fisheries Officer)	2018 Seminar on Fishery Development and Management for Countries along the "Silk Road Economic Belt", China	2018.08.16 - 2018.09.05
31	Mr. M.I Sampath (Fisheries Inspector)	2018 Seminar on Fishery Development and Management for Countries along the "Silk Road Economic Belt", China	2018.08.16 - 2018.09.05

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
32	Ms. K.N Withana (Legal Officer)	Internship at FAO Legal Office in Rome for Officers in the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources 2018, Rome	2018.09.03 - 2018.11.23
33	Mr. K Suraj Chandrakumara (Fisheries Resources Management Assistant)	IOTC Regional Observer Scheme Workshop, Victoria, Seychelles	2018.09.23 - 2018.09.29
34	Ms. M.M.P.D.S Jayathilaka (Development Officer)	ITEC Scholarship Scheme for the Programme of Extension Management for Up-scaling Technology Dissemination in Fisheries 2017/2018, India	2018.11.09 - 2018.11.22
35	Mrs. H.W.G.C.G Chandrasiri (Assistant Director-Management)	Sharing of Experience on Implementation of Port State Measures, Mauritius	2018.09.15 - 2018.09.23
36	Mr. U.A Hettiarachchi (Fisheries Officer)	Sharing of Experience on Implementation of Port State Measures, Mauritius	2018.09.15 - 2018.09.23
37	Mr. K.N Chathuranga (Fisheries Officer)	Sharing of Experience on Implementation of Port State Measures, Mauritius	2018.09.15 - 2018.09.23
38	Mr. R.J.P.K Rathnayake (Assistant Director-Investigation)	Capacity Building Workshop for Supporting Data Collection in Tuna Fisheries of Indian Ocean in Pakistan	2018.12.01 - 2018.12.14
39	Mr. N.N.D.S.U Paranawithana (Fisheries Officer)	Capacity Building Workshop for Supporting Data Collection in Tuna Fisheries of Indian Ocean in Pakistan	2018.12.01 - 2018.12.14
40	Mr. Rukshan C. Kroos (Assistant Director-Batticaloa)	Fish Crime Symposium 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark	2018.10.15 - 2018.10.19
41	Mr. M.M.W.R Bandara (Assistant Director-Negambo)	Capacity Building Course for Officials of Sri Lanka on Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water, India	2018.11.25 - 2018.12.06
42	Mr. E.M.C Booyagoda (Assistant Director-Trincomalee)	Capacity Building Course for Officials of Sri Lanka on Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water, India	2018.11.25 - 2018.12.06
43	Mr W A R Senarathne (Fisheries Officer)	Capacity Building Course for Officials of Sri Lanka on Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water, India	2018.11.25 - 2018.12.06
44	Ms. C.P Neelanani (Fisheries Social Development Assistant)	Capacity Building Course for Officials of Sri Lanka on Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water, India	2018.11.25 - 2018.12.06

	Name and Designation	Training programme and country	Duration
45	Mrs.I.A.D.J.I Sooriyaarachchi (Director-Finance)	Second Country Visit - HND in Public Procurement and Contract Administration, India	2018.12.02 - 2018.12.08
46	Mr J. Sudaharan (Assistsnt Director-Jaffana)	SAARC Regional Consultaion on Small - Scale Fisheries in South Asia", Pakistan	2018.11.27 - 2018.11.29
47	Mr. H.D.P Thisera (Asistsnt Director-Technical)	World Health Organization Water Safety Legislative Meeting, Manila, Phillipine	2018.12.13 - 2018.12.14
48	Mr. K Mohanakumar (Fisheries Officers)	Regional Training Course on International Fisheries Agreements, Treaties, Conventions, Chennai, India	2018.12.17 - 2018.12.22
49	Mr. B Rameshkhanna (Fisheries Officers)	Regional Training Course on International Fisheries Agreements, Treaties, Conventions, Chennai, India	2018.12.17 - 2018.12.22

8.3.29. 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	03	-	04	-	-	10	-
Negombo	17	05	-	-	-	22	70
Kaluthara	15	02	02	-	-	20	-
Tangalle	09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mahawewa	03	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	62	71	39	12	9	11	-
Batticaloa	06	03	-	-	-	-	-
Puttalam	03	36	12	03	-	33	-
Trincomalee	06	05	02	-	09	25	-
Galle	11	51	10	15	4	24	30
Ampara	04	05	-	-	-	05	-
Jaffna	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kalmunai	01	-	-	-	-	-	-

8.3.30. 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				
KR-8907	02	40940.00	04	235600.00	269845.00	65320.00	101109.05	10647
KB-2063	03	71216.00	07	406974.98	514424.90	41400.00	39063.03	27039
PD-9188	04	105065.00	03	186113.15	178251.61	172500.00	68554.78	15971
PB-5416	07	151829.00	09	574280.06	637229.44	109480.00	56805.42	46886
PB-1882	03	63280.00	01	1000.00	121216.22		57480.16	6839
NB-1391	05	101419.00	08	299625.00	636235.12	67850.00	57339.98	45711
GL-9771	06	97270.00	03	85800.00	245364.00		22878.12	16378
QM-6550			03	35175.00	71584.50	18894.50	-	8556
GE-8851	02	18660.00	03	504100.00	155940.50		23232.46	11813
PF-7812	02	47156.00	-		153000.00		74779.95	10602
PB-1678	01	18150.00	01	154764.00	125897.00		70767.41	11092
PB-1675	03	63845.16	04	98739.00	211951.00	69639.40	59856.44	17926
JZ-5936	04	57796.50	03	24750.00	332972.00	93549.00	30979.70	37808
PA-9993	05	95268.00	05	84554.00	327486.00		39898.66	24696
JY-7828	04	76823.00	03	55550.00	174127.00	75900.00	30979.70	18531
PB-5418	05	83181.93	06	149770.00	423306.00	98500.00	31258.99	41228
61-6620	02	26140.00	03	43840.00	171353.15		23468.67	12464
GE-8942			01	8200.00	22427.00		29844.96	2050.6
253-2139	05	51830.00	08	501690.00	317912.16		20932.46	27326
GE-8845	04	61270.00	04	59600.00	217900.00		29334.50	20196
PB-1677	06	87520.00	03	28504.00	255173.00		57896.93	23169
PF-7800	03	34480.00	03	22889.95	221952.20	115736.00	75029.98	18091
PA-8367	05	111756.50	04	67500.00	300500.00		60756.49	27208
KA-9883	01	21128.00	04	102950.00	69950.00		96852.73	3871
PB-8059	02	57400.00	02	91390.00	171326.00		54018.43	10018
HG-5832			-				-	
KH-4169	02	36456.00	03	80885.00	155354.82		-	7646

9. Financial Division

9.1. Objective

Certifying the productive and efficient management of financial resources of DFAR.

9.2. Role of the DFAR

The duties of this unit can be categorized as follows.

- Financial Planning, Preparation of Budget & Management.
- Collection of revenue.
- Accounting.
- Supply & Stores Management.
- Asset Management.
- Maintaining of minors accounts.
- Maintaining of security deposit accounts of Government Officers.

9.3. Progress – 2018

9.3.1. Presentation of Annual Accounts 2018

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

- Appropriation Account - 2017
- Revenue Account - 2017
- Govt. Officers Advance “B “ Account
- Reward Fund

9.3.2. Recurrent Expenditure - 2018

Utilization of provision for recurrent and capital expenditure in the year 2018 is as follows.

Recurrent Expenditure 2018

	Category / Object Title	Net Allocation Rs. Mn	Total Expenditure Rs. Mn
1	Personal emoluments	355.2	349.4
2	Travelling expenses	15.3	14.99
3	Supplies	28	25.9
4	Maintenance expenditure	6.8	5.6
5	Services	47.1	40.8
6	Transfers	9.25	8.3
7	Interest- Subsidy of Diyawara Diriya Loan Scheme	43.5	32.1
8	Other recurrent expenditure	0.42	0.17
	Total	505.6	477.3

9.3.3. Capital Expenditure - 2018

Vote	Description	Net Provision 2018	Net Expenditure 2018
2001-0-01-01-290	Building & Structures	35	17.7
2002-0-01-01-290	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	2.7	0.68
2003-0-01-01-290	Vehicles	4.3	3.49
2102-0-01-01-290	Furniture & Office Equipment	36.2	4.87
2103-0-01-01-290	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	13.4	-
2104-0-01-01-290	Buildings & Structures	113.6	43.7
2106-0-01-01-290	Software Development	24.9	4.9
2401-0-01-01-290	Staff Training	2.9	2.8

Vote	Description	Net Provision 2018	Net Expenditure 2018
2202-2-01-01-290	Development Assistance	1.5	0.2
2202-5-01-01-290	Development Assistance -Integrated awareness programs for Fishery Sector	1.5	1.4
2506-7-01-01-290	Introduction of modern technology for small & medium fishing industry - Investments	407	12.7
	01.Construction of 20 Multiday Boats (Over 55 Feet)under the 50% Subsidy	400	12.7
	2.Infrastructure Development project in QC - BIA Katunayake	3.8	-
	3.E- Certificate Issuing System for QCU	3.2	-
2202-8-01-01-290	Implementation of Fisheries Co-Management plans(FAO)	2.1	2
2506-9-01-01-290	Infrastructure Development	175	65.8
	1.Supplying 195 Long Line Units	97.5	60.1
	2.Supplying 100 Winches	30	5.7
	3.Installation of 100 cooling systems	47.5	-
	Total	820.1	160.5

9.3.4. Public Officers Advance “B” Account– 2018

9.3.4.1. 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	30,000,000	20,000,000	105,000,000

9.3.4.2. 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 01.01.2018 Detail 8493/0/00290/0011 8493/0/00290/0012			77,486,998.58
Loans and recoveries issued to the officers	29,836,331.00	23,179,181.40	6,657,149.60
Transfers among the departments	7,519,730.31	6,146,011.02	1,373,719.29
Position as at 31.12.2018	37,356,061.31	29,235,192.42	85,517,867.47

9.3.5. Revenue

Progress of revenue collection during the year is as follows.

Collection of Revenue

Revenue Sources	2017 Rs.Mn	2018 Rs.Mn
Departmental income	24.8	32.5
Rent	0.23	0.5
Sundry income	12.0	3.3
Total	37.03	36.3

The reasons for the increase of revenue of Departmental income is introduction of new revenue sources by the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act 2 of 1996 (Fisheries and Fishery Products, Export, Import Re-export management Regulations 2017).

9.3.6. 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 31.12.2018 is as follows

Since incentives cannot be paid due to non-completion of legal proceedings up to now balance amounting to Rs.3, 409,172.43 is indicated as at 31.12.2018.

9.3.7. Audit Queries

01. Thirteen audit queries were submitted by the Auditor General during the year 2018, of which answers were given for 12 audit queries during the year.
02. Eleven audit queries were submitted by the Internal Audit Division during the year 2018, of which answers were given for 07 audit queries during the year.

9.3.8. Board of Survey

Board of Survey as at 31/2/2017 was carried out during the year and reports have submitted to the Auditor General.

10. Internal Audit Division

10.1 Organizational Structure and Composition

The Internal Audit Division of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is supervised under a Chief Internal Auditor and it is directly responsible to the Director General of the department. The composition of the Division is as follows.

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Chief Internal Auditor | 01 |
| 2. Internal Audit Offices | 05 |
| 3. Office Employ Service | 01 |

Only one Internal Audit Officer worked continuously and other officers came and went on transfer internally and externally during the year.

10.2 Objects and Functions

10.2.1 Objects

- To participate in the system of internal control of the financial operations of the department and carry out a continuous survey and an independent appraisal of such operation and the soundness and adequacy of the internal checks adopted in the prevention and detection of errors and frauds.
- To assist the accounting officer and the progress / monitoring committee, in ascertaining the progress made on development works projects and schemes and in the fulfilment of the plans and programmes laid down for or undertaken by the department.
- To act where appropriate as a liaison between those engaged in these tasks and Head of the department and progress/ Monitoring Committee.

10.2.2 Functions

The following undertakings are being carried out by the division in order to achieve the said objectives

- Ascertaining whether the system of internal check and control obtaining in the department for the prevention of errors and frauds is effective in design as well as in actual operation.
- Ascertaining the reliability of the accounting and other records and seeing that the accounting methods employed provide the information necessary for the preparation of correct financial statements.
- Appraising the quality performance of staff in carrying out the responsibilities assigned to them.
- Ascertaining the extent to which the department's assets are safeguarded from losses of all kind.
- Ascertaining whether the Establishments Code, Financial Regulations of Government and other supplementary instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry in charge of the subject of Public Administration and by the Treasury are being followed.
- Ascertaining the effectiveness of the system of internal control adopted in preventing, as well as detecting waste, idle capacity and extravagance.
- Examining the accounting procedure of the department and its operations which have any financial implications, and verifying the safety, economical and proper use of property and assets of the department.
- Carrying out special investigations when necessary.
- Inspecting and reporting on the operational functions of the department, from a managerial, as opposed to a technical or accounting point of view.
- Appraisal of the progress of works, schemes and projects and the extent to which programmes and schedules are on target.
- On-the-spot investigation into problems areas which delay execution.
- Appraisal and review of the controls adopted in the supervision of such operations.

10.3 Performance

The following performance was achieved by the division during the year 2018.

10.3.1 Quarterly Reports

Furnished quarterly reports containing the facts such as financial progress, following the authorized limits of revenue and public officer's advance "B" account, observation of paid vouchers, payment and settlement of imprests, progress of submission the accounts and returns ,submitting the answers to audit queries pertaining to each such quarter containing observations and recommendations.

10.3.2 Subject related Investigations and internal audit reports

Audit reports containing disclosures, observations and recommendations were furnished having conducted subjected related investigations and internal audit inspections on the following matters.

- I. Recovery of outstanding loan balances, loan installments and interest of Public officer's Advance "B" account and maintenance of files and reports.
- II. Activation and maintenance of generator in the Vessel Monitoring unit.
- III. Supply of uniforms for departmental field officers.
- IV. Payment of salaries for the departmental staff, recovery of no pay leave, deductions, payment of government interest contribution for property loans granted by banks, salary conversions of officers, reconciliation process and maintenance of records.
- V. Estimation of revenue of departmental revenue account, collection of income, accounting and reconciliation and collecting the reports regional offices.
- VI. Progress of the implementation of annual procurement plan.

10.3.3 Special Investigations

Special investigation reports were submitted regarding Mannar district office.

10.3.4 District office inspection

The inspection reports were submitted with the observations, disclosures and recommendations by the district office given below.

- Negambo
- Mannar

10.3.5 Audit and Management committee

Conducting four audit and management committee meeting after the end of each quarter and submit the committee report and feedback the implementing committee decisions under review.