



Annual Performance Report for the year 2022

Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

Maligawatta, Colombo 10

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01. Institutional Profile

1.1. Introduction

The main responsibilities of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, which is coming under the purview of the Ministry of Fisheries, are to implement the Fisheries (Foreign Fishing Vessels) Act No. 59 of 1979, the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 02 of 1996 and the regulations made thereunder, and also manage and regulate the fisheries industry by introducing amendments and new regulations to be made in compliance with current trends and international maritime laws and conventions.

Further, introducing new technology for the development of the fisheries industry, improving the infrastructure needed to minimize post-harvest losses, improving the standard and quality of fish products for export and local consumption, and empowerment of fishermen and fisherwomen for improving socio-economic status of fisher households are also among the tasks being top priority.

1.2. Vision, mission and purpose of the organization

1.2.1. Vision

Optimal contribution to the national economy by strengthening socio-economic status of the fisher community while maintaining the sustainability in fisheries and aquatic resources.

1.2.2. Mission

Management of fisheries and aquatic resources by adopting new technological methods in accordance with the national and international maritime laws and conventions to make an effective contribution towards the Sri Lankan economy through the sustainable development in the fisheries industry.

1.2.3. Purpose

- Management, regularization, conservation and sustainable development in fishing activities in compliance with local and international maritime laws and conventions.
- Encouraging local and foreign investment in the fisheries sector.
- Introduction of new technology for exploiting fishery resources in local and international seas.
- Improving socio-economic status of the fisher community.
- Ensuring the quality and hygiene of exporting fish products in keeping with the international standards.

- Minimizing post-harvest losses and improving the quality of local fish products.
- Ensuring that fishing operations are conducted in accordance with international statutes and regional conventions
- Execution of port services in accordance with the Implementation of Port State Measures Regulations
- Monitoring the operations and ensuring the safety of fishing vessels at High Seas
- To provide optimum service to fishermen and other clients via online using information technology
- Enabling to obtain data related to the fisheries sector quickly and accurately via online using information technology.

1.3. Main Functions

- Formulation, imposition, updating and implementation of Fisheries Operations Regulations.
- Formulation, imposition, updating and implementation of Fisheries Management Regulations.
- Formulation, imposition, updating and implementation of Aquaculture Management Regulations.
- Registration of fishing vessels and issuance of fishing operation licences.
- Issue of permits for the export of live fish.
- Issue of fish landing permits for foreign fishing vessels.
- Improving awareness on fisheries management among the fisher families.
- Coordination of institutional credit facilities for obtaining capital goods.
- Registration, regulation and supervision of boat building companies.
- Registration, regulation and supervision of fisheries input suppliers.
- Providing guidance to bring the fisheries cooperative societies to an efficient level.
- Coordination and monitoring of regional fisheries organizations established under the National Fisheries Federation.
- Collection of data related to the fisheries industry.
- Repatriation of fishermen and fishing boats taken into custody by foreign countries.
- Bringing the fishermen and fishing boats stranded at sea back to Sri Lanka.
- Quality inspection of export fish.
- Registration of fish processing establishments and issue of health certificates for fish export.
- Upgrading the standard of local fish sale outlets.

- Installation of VMS devices on multiday fishing boats engaged in High Seas fishing operations.
- Providing radio communication facilities between the fishing vessels and land.
- Obtaining reports on fishing boats which are involved in border crossings
- Providing daily weather reports and weather advisories on a daily basis.
- Making aware of fishing boats based on the information given by VMS.
- Making the respective institutions aware of illegal foreign fishing vessels and fishermen.
- Taking action to provide licenses and call signs for communication purposes of fishing boats.
- Substantiation of information for insurance in case of accidents encountered by fishermen and fishing crafts.
- Taking action to save fishing boats adrift in international maritime boundaries.
- Conducting training programmes for the vocational education of the members of fisher families.
- Fisheries social security through the implementation of fishermen's insurance and pension schemes.
- Implementation of lagoon development programmes and infrastructure development in fishery villages.
- Implementation of alternative income generating programmes for fisher women.

1.4. Organization Structure

The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, which is coming under the purview of the Ministry of Fisheries, is governed by a Director General. An Additional Director General has also been appointed to carry out these functions in a more effective and efficient manner. The activities of the Head Office are divided into 09 divisions considering the ease of planning, implementation and monitoring of the functions of the department.

That is,

1. Fisheries Management Division
2. Fisheries Development Division
3. Fisheries Product Quality Control Division
4. Fisheries Operations Division
5. Investigation and Training Division
6. Information Technology Division

7. Administration Division

8. Accounts Division

9. Internal Audit Division

These divisions are headed by eight Directors and the Chief Internal Auditor.

There are 15 District Fisheries Offices covering the coastal districts of the Island and the activities of each district are carried out under the direction of the Deputy / Assistant Director of Fisheries of the District.

There are 149 Fisheries Inspection Divisions in the districts covering the coastal areas.

A Fisheries Inspector's Office has been established in each of these Fisheries Inspection Divisions. Fisheries Inspector, Fisheries Social Development Assistant, Fisheries Resource Management Assistant, Development Officer and Fisheries Officer carry out all fisheries activities in these Fisheries Inspection Divisions.

Also, 20 Regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Centers have been set up in the vicinity of fishing harbors and radio officers are deployed day and night at these centers. These MCS Centers have maintained a 24-hour radio communication link between fishing vessels and land vessels engaged in the deep sea fishing industry. It also provides weather forecasts and advisories to vessels on a daily basis, as well as boat owners' messages and fishermen's messages. Further, all necessary arrangements will be made for distress messages received from fishing vessels from that time until the completion of the work. All these activities are coordinated by the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Centre in the Head Office, Colombo.

In addition, offices have been set up at 15 fishery harbours located in 07 districts. The officials of the Department attached to those places to 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 etc.

Monitoring of all multi-day fishing vessels departing for fishing in international waters by means of satellite technology is an integral part of international laws and regulations. Since 2015, only the vessels having licences to operate in international waters are monitored by a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), but according to the above international rules and the requirement of fish export, there was a need to cover all multi-day vessels by VMS. Necessity has also emerged as a cost-effective method of detecting other non-fishing illegal activities (e.g. illegal immigration and drug trafficking) carried out by using multi-day fishing vessels.

Accordingly, a traditional vessel monitoring system consisting of 4200 VMS units to fulfill the above requirement was established in the Department as a grant from the Australian Government.

The new VMS system is accessible through all the harbour offices and centrally managed on a 24x7 basis by the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) located at the Head Office premises. The facilities available at this centre can be made use of identifying vessels at risk of illegal activities such as illegal fishing, human trafficking, drug trafficking and illegal border crossing. This system can also be used to provide facilities for fishing vessels in emergency situations. The Fisheries Monitoring Center has also been modernized with all modern technology and thus it can be considered as one of the most advanced Monitoring Centers in Asia at present.

Also, a sub-office has been established at the Bandaranaike International Airport, which works in coordination with the Vessel Monitoring Unit, the Operations Division and the High Seas Units established at the fishery harbours. This office issues Catch Certificates for every fish stock in the export of fishery products, especially in the export to countries belonging to the European Union, and carries out the necessary inspections in the import of fish for the re-export of fishery products. A Quality Control Unit has been set up at the International Airport to facilitate prompt and delay-free issuance of necessary certificates for exports by air on a daily basis and it is open round the clock (24x7).

VMS tracking records with the position information of the entire fishing trip of every multi-day vessel arriving at land is sent to the High Seas Fisheries Unit by the Vessel Monitoring Division. Thereafter the log page of that vessel is checked and only if the same is compared with the VMS data the verification officer will issue a verification report signed by the Assistant Director (High Seas) to the effect that the vessel has legally caught fish without engaging in any illegal fishing activities, so as to enable them to export the said fish stock. Only after this verification report is forwarded to the airport Quality Control Unit located at Katunayake, the officials there will issue the Catch Certificate required for the export of the fish related to the said trip of the vessel. This fish information verification process is implemented by the officers who are working on a roaster basis through 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a (24x7) basis at 21 Harbour Operations Offices, Vessel Monitoring Unit at Colombo Head Office, High Seas Fisheries Unit as well as Quality Control Unit at Katunayake Bandaranaike Airport. As a result of this process, there will be an opportunity to direct the legal fish stocks brought to the Island by multi-day fishing boats for export by guaranteeing the same to have been caught with proper records and licenses.

Chapter-02- Progress and the Future Outlook

2.1. Special Achievements,

1. In compliance with existing laws relating to vessel monitoring equipment in the year 2021;

Cancellation of vessel departure.	282
Referral for Legal Action	89

2. Regulations made under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act
 - 2.1. Parliament approval has been received for three (03) Regulations made under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act..
 - Fisheries (Imposition of Fees) Regulations-2021
 - Madel (Beach Seine) Regulations (Amendment) 1984
 - Blue Swimming Crab Management Regulations

 - 2.2. Obtaining the certification of the Hon. Attorney General for 01 Bill of amendment to the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act.
 - Amendment to the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 (Amendment of Section 14f and introduction of Sections 14o and 14p)

 - 2.3. Submission of a draft bill to the Cabinet of Ministers seeking its approval to make amendments to the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act.
 - Amendment to the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No.02 of 1996 (Introduction of trawling fishing grounds)

 - 2.4 Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been taken for 01 draft bill to amend the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act.

Amendment to Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 (1.1 - 1.14)

 - 2.5. 01 regulations made under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act has been drafted.
 - High Seas Fishing Operations (Amendment) Regulations No. 1 of 2014

 - 2.6. 02 regulations which are in force under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act have been published in the Gazette Extraordinary.
 - Madel (Beach Seine) Regulations (Amendment) 1984
 - Blue Swimming Crab Management Regulations
 - Implementation of Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for Fishing Boats Operating In High Seas Regulations-2015 (Amendment)

 - 2.7 03 Regulations in force under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act have been published in the Gazette Extraordinary..

2.8 02 Regulations drafted under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act have been referred to the Department of Legal Draftsmen

- Fishing Operations Regulations 1996 (Amendment)
- Issue of Fisherman Identity Card Regulations-2021

3. Number of licenses issued for the export of fish and fishery products

- Number of health certificates for seafood export 40281
- Number of fish catch certificates 23167
- Number of registered fish processing establishments and fish packing Centres 67

4. Progress in Information and Technology

1. Printing of about 7000 Fisheries Identity Cards only by using 100% resources of the Department.
 2. At the Bestweb.lk competition held for the selection of the best websites in Sri Lanka, the website of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources won the third place in the government website category and received an award for the same.
 3. It was able to provide 161 brand new tab machines to the officers of the Department through the contribution of donors.
 4. Performance of duties have been commenced using Network Software (MSDFAR), through which it has been able to successfully complete 45265 registrations (Fishermen's Registrations), 174 Yard Registrations, 1535 Boat Design Approvals, 7240 Boat Number Registrations , 4590 Boat Registrations ,4485 Renewal of Boat Registration ,8300 Issue of Operations Licences,870 Renewal of Operations Licences,1600 insertions of Scientific Data.,8000 Skipper Registrations and 5 fish catch certificates by now.
 5. Installation of a number of 1779 new VMS devices.
5. Releasing and repatriation of fishermen and fishing vessels arrested in foreign countries

Number of fishermen arrested	Number of fishermen released	Number of fishing vessels arrested	Number of fishing vessels released
144	73	22	05

6. Rescue of fishing vessels which went adrift in local waters, High Seas and waters of foreign countries

Number of rescued fishermen	Number of rescued fishing vessels	Number of abandoned fishing vessels
04	01	-

7. Verification of information on fishing vessels carrying out fishing operations at High Seas

1	Number of log copies received by the unit relevant to the fishing operations at High Seas	37580
2	Number of verification report issued regarding operations	2220
3	Number of log copies inserted into the log database	37154

8. Progress on providing services by means of information technology.

1.	Providing fishing trips for vessels via online method	60829
2.	Registration of AIS equipment legally	9331
3.	Number of vessel photographic records maintained for IOTC requirements	1215

9. Progress on development programs in relation to the year 2022

9. 1. To ensure the safety of fishermen

Task	Progress
Total number of fishing vessels insured	34137
Total number of fishermen insured	52155
Total number joining the fisheries Pension scheme	746
Issue of sea worthiness certificates	27902
Registration of fishing vessels	49
Registration of fishing gear suppliers -	11

9.2. Compensation for Natural Hazards

This program is implemented jointly by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Ministry of Finance under the direct allocation of the government. For which, no charge is made from the applicant and under this, a compensation of Rupees One Million will be granted for the dependents of a fisherman who dies due to natural hazards while engaged in fishing activities. Insurance compensations have been granted to 2 beneficiary families during the year 2022. Further, the Ministry of Finance has been notified to grant compensations to three recommended beneficiaries.

9.3 “Diyawara Diriya” Loan Scheme

With the aim of developing the fishing industry and obtaining more quality fish production through the introduction of new technology, the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has implemented the Diyawara Diriya Low Interest Loan Scheme jointly with the Bank of Ceylon to improve fishing vessels and provide relief to the fisher community..

Under this, loans have been granted subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 million per beneficiary at the following interest rates.

- If the loan amount is less than Rs. 2 million, the interest rate charged from the debtor is 5%.
- If the loan amount is more than Rs. 2 million, the interest rate charged from the debtor is 7%.
- Government provides an interest subsidy of 4% per beneficiary in this loan scheme.
- In providing loans, priority is given for carrying out improvement to the boat yards, production of fishing vessels over 55ft. enhancement of new technology (RSW, CSW), installation of longlines and winches.
- Loans have been given to 571 beneficiaries totaling an amount of Rs. 1,431.00 million

Interest premiums of 4% are being referred to the Bank of Ceylon by the Department of Fisheries even by now and the payments will have to be made until 2027.

10. Various programmes implemented by the Development Division of the Department in the year 2022 and their progress.

10.1. Direct fuel requirement for fisheries industry (for fishing vessels) in relation to securing fishing jobs and ensuring food security - Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

The total number of registered fishing vessels in Sri Lanka is 48776. Of these, 36% are non-mechanized fishing vessels and 64% are fuel-powered mechanized vessels. On-mechanized fishing vessels are engaged in traditional fishing operations in and around near shore waters and brackish waters.

Considering the mechanized fishing vessels engaged in Sri Lanka's fisheries industry, the fisheries sector comprises 27903 motor-mounted traditional vessels (MTRB) and outboard-fiber reinforced plastic boats (OFRP) operating in coastal waters, and 5388 inboard multi-day fishing boats (IMUL) operating in local or international waters as well as 1142 Inboard One Day Fishing Boats (IDAY) operating in local waters. Besides this, the number of non-mechanized fishing vessels is around 16000.

10.1.1. Diesel requirement to operate fishing vessels in the fisheries industry

IMUL Vessels IDAY fishing vessels use diesel as fuel and the monthly fuel requirement for these vessels is estimated to be 26 million liters. At present, diesel is distributed from 20 filling stations belonging to the Ceylon Fishery Harbor Corporation and 19 filling stations selected by the private sector as per the request of fishermen.

10.1.2. Requirement of kerosene to operate fishing vessels in the fishing industry

Most of the boats with outboard engines are powered by using kerosene as fuel. That is, most of the OFRP and MTRB vessels use kerosene as fuel. Thus, about 27,000 MTRB and OFRP fishing vessels with outboard engines throughout the Island require one million liters of kerosene per day if they are engaged in fishing operations in the whole month. However, when calculation is made assuming that one vessel is in operation for 25 days per month, the amount of kerosene needed per month is about 25 liters.

The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has identified 128 filling stations for the daily distribution of kerosene required for the fisheries industry, and the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is doing the necessary coordination to distribute the stocks of kerosene needed by fishermen through the respective filling stations.

10.1.3. Requirement of petrol to operate fishing vessels in the fisheries industry.

Kerosene is used for running one day MTRB and OFRP vessels operating in coastal waters, whereas petrol is used to power the respective vessels. Thus, it has been found that a vessel needs about 2 liters per week. Accordingly, if the amount of petrol required to run these 27,000 fishing vessels is estimated at 2 liters per week, the total amount of petrol required per month is estimated to be approximately 2.25 lakh liters.

Meanwhile, some of the OFRP and MTRB vessels operating in Sri Lanka's coastal waters are powered by petrol and the total number of petrol powered vessels is around 168, with the total monthly petrol requirement of around 60,000 liters.

10.2. Implementation of the programme for providing monthly living allowance to the NTRB vessel owners by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The income level of some fishermen has decreased due to the increase in fuel prices, shortage of fuel, increase in input costs and decrease in the price of fishing products.

Hence, the World Food and Agriculture Organization has agreed to sponsor one of the projects presented to it by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources with the aim of providing relief to low-income fishermen. Under the FAO project, NTRB vessel owners registered in the fisheries districts of Batticaloa, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Kalmunai, Tangalle and Jaffna were selected for this as the first phase. As its first phase, 7313 beneficiaries were given living allowance for three months at a rate of Rs.15, 000.00 (USD 42) per month.

4511 beneficiaries in the fisheries districts of Matara, Galle, Kalutara, Colombo, Negombo, Chilaw, Puttalam and Mannar were selected in the second phase and they are scheduled to be provided with financial aids in the future for three months at a rate of USD 47.

10.3. Measures taken to provide relief to fishermen who were affected owing to the impact on the fisheries sector caused by the devastating New X-Press Pearl fire on 21 May 2021 and the progress thereof.

District	No.of directly affected Fisheries Inspectors' Divisions	No.of active fishermen	No.of affected fishing vessels	
Negombo	13	11081	IMUL	40
			IDAY	60
			OFRP	2015
			NTRB	1484
			MTRB	02
Colombo	10	3250	IMUL	11
			IDAY	14
			OFRP	446
			NTRB	294
			MTRB	01
Kalutara	02	701	OFRP	47
			NTRB	33

Multiday Fishing Boats (IMUL), One Day Fishing Boats (1 Day), One Day Fishing Boats with Outboard Engine (OFRP), Traditional Fishing Boards (NTRB), and Mechanized Fishing Boats (MTRB)

10.3.1. Amount of compensation paid

District	No.of Beneficiary active fishermen	Amount of Compensation paid Rs.Million		
		1 st phase	2 nd phase	3 rd phase
Negombo	11081	206.6475	248.7975	551.22
Colombo	3250	61.9425	78.1875	193.210
Kalutara	701	14.1275	16.3925	37.280
Total	15032	282.7175	343.3775	781.710
				1407.805

10.4 Progress in the project of creating of artificial for increasing fish stock in the coastal waters.

Artificial substrates were created using discarded multi-day fishing boats and buses with the aim of creating fish breeding sites on artificial substrates on the coastal seabed in order to protect the marine ecosystem and marine biodiversity for future generations and to increase marine biodiversity.

In the year 2021, this project was carried out in Galle, Matara and Jaffna districts and for the year 2022, it was decided to carry out the same in Jaffna district as the second phase. For this purpose, the Department was allocated the provisions of Rs.11.3 million and the remaining amount of 24 million was allocated from the provisions of the Ministry. Accordingly, 47 buses were purchased and transported to Kankesanthurai by the end of the year 2022.

10.5. Fishermen Awareness Programme

During the year 2022, 13 awareness programs were conducted to make aware of the fishermen, small and medium scale fish traders and other stakeholders covering all the fisheries districts under the joint program of educating the fishermen, for which provisions amounting to Rs. 0.457 million were spent. About 650 fishermen, small and medium scale fish traders and related stakeholders were made aware of the importance of using the fish harvest in a quality and hygienic manner and the proper handling methods to be followed, through this programme.

10.6. Demarcation of Lagoon Boundaries

A sum of Rs.10.172 million has been allocated for the demarcation of lagoon boundaries and the Department of Civil Defense has fixed 1053 demarcation posts at lagoons in the area of Chilaw during the year 2022.

2.2. Challenges

1. Familiarization of certain officials with the use of new technology
2. Difficulty in paying VMS fees due to shortage of foreign currency
3. The issue of reporting for the office by the officers due to lack of fuel/transportation difficulties.
4. Increase in cost of production due to increase in input prices in the fisheries sector
5. Price competitiveness for local products in the foreign market

2.3. Future goals

1. To introduce an information system for departmental staff to manage, maintain and exchange information about their leave, transfer, promotion, and training activities.
2. Upgrading the basic computer knowledge of the departmental staff
3. Encouraging the conversion from manual to electronic logging and implementation of e-log application for fishermen for 10000 trips in a year
4. Introducing a system for reporting and managing the events in VMS system
5. Implementation of a campaign for MSDFAR publicity
6. Launching a campaign to promote the VMS system
7. Increasing the vessel departure and vessel arrival undertakings through online up to 100%.
8. Formulation of necessary new regulations
9. Introducing new Acts in place of the existing Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Acts

Chapter 03. Overall Financial Performance for the Year ended 31st December 2022**3.1 Statement of Financial Performance****Statement of Financial Performance**
For the period ended as at 31st December 2022

Budget 2022	Note	Actual			
		2022	2021		
-	Revenue Receipts				
-	Income Tax	1	-	-	
160,551,300	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	185,602,364	64,606,538	ACA1-
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-	
-	Non-Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	-	
	Total Revenue Receipts (A)		185,602,364	64,606,538	
	Non-Revenue Receipts				
-	Treasury Imprests		513,882,000	573,350,000	ACA- 3
-	Deposits		141,474,293	90,955,567	ACA- 4
-	Advance Accounts		29,601,674	25,827,415	ACA- 5
-	Other Receipts		-	-	
-	Total Non-Revenue Receipts (B)		684,957,967	690,132,982	
-	Total Revenue Receipts & Non-Revenue Receipts		870,560,331	754,739,520	
	C = (A)+(B)		-	-	
	Treasury Remittances (D)				
	Net Revenue Receipts & Non-Revenue Receipts				
	E=(C)-(D)		870,560,331	754,739,520	
	Less: Expenditure				
-	Recurrent Expenditure				
532,500,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	523,811,430	478,469,247	ACA- 2(ii)
114,700,000	Other Goods & Services	6	106,739,117	125,584,942	
69,100,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	63,013,496	89,164,831	
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-	
100,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	54,000	291,865	
716,400,000	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)		693,618,043	693,510,885	


	Capital Expenditure				
10,000,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement to Capital Assets	10	9,328,347	19,038,819	} ACA - 2(ii)
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	281,525,328	16,574,347	
1,000,000	Capital Transfers	12	457,100	-	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
1,500,000	Capacity Building	14	907,378	1,008,204	
13,300,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	2,753,819	9,464,704	
25,800,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		294,971,971	46,086,074	
	Deposit Payments		132,790,655	50,840,892	ACA - 4
	Advance Payments		24,693,580	17,319,666	ACA - 5
	Other Main Ledger Payments		-	-	
	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		157,484,235	68,160,558	
	Total Expenditure I= (F+G+H)		1,146,074,249	807,757,517	
	Balance as at 31 st December J=(E-I)		(275,513,918)	(53,017,997)	
	Balance as per the Imprest Adjustment Statement		(273,518,918)	(53,017,997)	ACA7 -
-	Imprest Balance as at 31 st December H = (C-G)		-	-	ACA - 3

3.3 Statement of Financial Position**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2022**

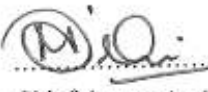
	Note	Actual	
		2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Non-Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA -6	1,470,200,079	1,069,868,735
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA -5/5(A)	69,959,998	74,868,092
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA -3	-	-
Total Assets		1,540,160,077	1,144,736,827
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Assets		(33,192,802)	(19,601,070)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		1,470,200,079	1,069,868,735
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA -5(B)	-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA -4	103,152,800	94,469,162
Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Liabilities		1,540,160,077	1,144,736,827

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 01 to 30 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 31 to 40 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


 Chief Accounting Officer
 Name :
 Designation : B. M. Rathnayake
 Date : 24.01.23
 Secretary
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 Accounting Officer
 Name : Susanthi Kanawatta
 Designation : General
 Date : 28/01/2023
 Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources


 Chief Accountant
 Name : A. G. M. Dilhani
 Date : 24/01/2023
 Chief Accountant
 Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
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3.4. Cash Flow Statement

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Cash Flow Statement
For the period ended 31st December 2022

	Actual	
	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	185,602,364	64,606,538
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	30,826,439	-
Revenue Collected for the Other Heads	23,511,492	56,924,943
Imprest Received	513,882,000	573,350,000
Recoveries from Advance	29,004,905	22,477,692
Deposit Received	141,474,293	90,955,567
Total Cash generated from Operations (a)	924,301,493	808,314,740
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	630,527,968	591,115,241
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	62,537,096	82,229,303
Expenditure on Other Heads	73,684,427	35,221,114
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	-	-
Advance Payments	24,761,346	12,809,200
Deposit Payments	132,790,655	50,840,892
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (b)	924,301,493	772,215,751
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C)=(A)-(B)	-	36,098,989
<u>Cash Flow from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investment Activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of other Investment	-	36,098,989
Total Cash disbursed for Investment Activities (E)	-	36,098,989

NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F)=(D)-(E)	-	(36,098,989)
(G)=(C) + (F)		
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) +(J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	-

3.5 Notes to the Financial Statements

Reporting Basis

1) Reporting period

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2021.

2) Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

3) Recognition of Revenue

Exchange and non-exchange revenues are recognized on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of taxable period.

4) Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

5) Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve

This revaluation reserve account is the corresponding account of PP&E.

6) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins on hand as at 31st December 2022.

3.6 Performance of the Revenue Collection

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Revenue Cord	Description of the Revenue Cord	Revenue Estimate		Revenue Collected	
		Original Estimate (Rs.)	Revised Estimate (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	As a % of Final Revenue Estimate
10.03.07.06	License Fee of Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	48,818,000	160,551,300.00	185,602,364.00	115.60

3.7 Performance of Utilization of Allocation

Type of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of Final Allocation
	Original Allocation	Original Allocation		
Recurrent	716,400,000	718,119,000	693,718,042.83	96.60
Capital	25,800,000	26,081,000	13,446,643.48	51.56
	742,200,000	744,200,000	707,164,686.31	95.02

3.8 In terms of F.R.208 grant of allocations for expenditure to this Department/District Secretariat/Provincial Council as an agent of the other Ministries/Departments

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Serial No.	Allocation received from Which Ministry / Department	Purpose the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of Final Allocation		
			Original Allocation	Final Allocation				
151-02-03-78-2506	Ministry of Fisheries	For the provision of equipment for women who are engaged in production of dried fish	4,300,000.00	4,300,000.00	9,068,407.30	99.49		
		Programme of deepening and cleaning lagoons	65,000.00	65,000.00				
		Charges for installation of VMS devices	4,750,000.00	4,750,000.00				
				Fixation of demarcation posts to mark to the lagoon boundaries	3,845,500.00	3,845,500.00	1,161,800.00	30.21
				Cleaning of Lamasooriya Ela	8,600,000.00	8,600,000.00	-	-
151-02-03-79-2506	Ministry of Fisheries	Installation of fish aggregation gadgets by using discarded vehicles to increase fish stock.	24,000,000.00	24,000,000.00	11,626,298.00	48.44		
130-1-2-0-1001	Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government	Payment of salaries and wages of Development Officers recruited on 03.01.2022	32,925,333.93	32,925,333.93	32,925,333.93	100.00		
130-1-2-0-1003		Other payments	16,436,716.93	16,436,716.93	16,276,716.93	99.03		
253-1-2-4-1502-12			2,317,995.07	2,317,995.07	2,201,035.07	94.95		

3.9 Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2020	Balance as per the Financial Position Report as at 31.12.2020	Yet to be accounted	Reporting progress as%
9151	Buildings & structures	485,708,490			
9151	Dwellings	53,250,000			
9152	Vehicles				
9152	Machineries				
9153	Land	343,266,000			
9154	Intangible assets				
9155	Biological assets				
9160	Work in progress				
9180	Leasing assets				

The value is not shown according to the inventory report. According to the fixed asset register, the balance is as above.

3.10 Auditor General's Report

Auditor General's Report is shown at the end of this report.

04. Performance Indicators

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institute (Based on Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
1. Compensation for natural disasters	√		
2. Placing fish aggregation devices made by using condemned vehicles to increase fish stock in the near shore waters			√
3. Integrated programme of awareness in fisheries sector.		√	
4. Demarcation of lagoon boundaries.			√
5. Direct fuel requirement for the fisheries industry in relation to securing employments in fisheries industry and ensuring food security		√	
6. Implementation of the program of granting monthly subsistence allowance to NTRB vessel owners by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).		√	
7. Measures taken to regulate the impact on the fisheries sector following the fire incident of cargo ship New X Press Pearl on 21 st May and its progress.		√	
8. Installation, maintenance, removal and re-installation when necessary of vessel monitoring devices on multi-day vessels	√		
9. Training of the officers in the VMS division and the other divisions connected to it.	√		
10. Obtaining reports under the following details at 7.00 am, 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm.	√		
11. Obtaining reports under the following details at 7.00 am, 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm.	√		
12. Obtaining reports on fishing vessels approaching harbour limit within 48km buffer zone.	√		
13. Obtaining reports on fishing boats involved in border crossings	√		
14. Obtaining reports on fishing vessels departing the harbour.	√		
15. Obtaining BAPTO reports	√		
16. Obtaining power down reports of its interior battery of the fishing boats.	√		
17. Obtaining power up reports	√		
18. Obtaining reports on silent vessels during time horizon.	√		
19. Providing locations of all the updated vessels to the High Seas Unit.	√		

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
20. Tracking down distress fishing crafts and providing relevant details to the MCS unit.	√		
21. Obtaining and managing information of fishing vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations.	√		
22. Verification of information of fishing vessels engaged in High Seas fishing operations.	√		
23. Inserting log reports into the database and managing of them	√		
24. Inserting log reports into the database and managing of them	√		
25. Providing radio communication facilities between the fishing vessels and land	√		
26. Taking action to provide license and call signs for communication purposes in fishing vessels.	√		
27. Substantiation of information for insurance in accidents faced by fishermen and fishing crafts	√		
28. Rescue of fishermen and fishing boats arrested in foreign countries and repatriation of them.	√		
29. Taking action to rescue fishing boats adrift in international maritime boundaries	√		
30. Providing communication facilities for small and one- day fishing crafts and making the fisher community aware of the same	√		
31. Provision of daily weather reports and weather advisories on a daily basis.	√		
32. Notification of vessels as per the information provided by Vessel Monitoring System.	√		
33. Informing the relevant agencies about unauthorized foreign fishing vessels and fishermen.	√		
34. Rescue of fishermen and vessels in distress.	√		
35. Submission of periodical reports to international organizations such as Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), European Commission (EC) and representing Sri Lanka at the annual meetings of such organizations.	√		
36. Launching a publicity program about VMS system		√	
37. Training of the DFAR Staff - Information Technology Foundation	√		
38. Acting on Security of the Server System		√	
39. Implementation of e-log application for fishermen	√		
40. Introduction of the “R” statistical language for analyzing DFAR data.		√	
41. Commencement of registration through OFRP, MTRB and NTRB vessel system		√	

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
42. Widening the use of Doxpro system.	√		
43. Training officers for BLUE TRACKER system		√	
44. Introduction of Alert Management system.		√	
45. Establishment of a consortium called Regional Fishing Monitoring Center		√	
46. Maintenance of vessel surveillance system		√	
47. 47. Inspection and Monitoring			
➤ Number of Inspections of export fish processing establishments			√
➤ Official samplings-Institutions			√
➤ Inspection of prawn farms	√		
➤ Inspection of fish stocks imported for the purpose of re-export			√
48. Approval and Certification.			
➤ Approving new fish processing establishments and updating registration of fish processing establishments.	√		
➤ Issue of Health Certificates for exports.	√		
➤ Issue of fish catch certificates	√		
49. Aquaculture Residue Monitoring National Programme			
➤ Inspection of prawn breeding centres	√		
➤ Field inspection of aquaculture farms	√		
➤ Taking samples and analyzing	√		
50. Implementation of training and awareness programmes.			
➤ Fishermen/Aqua culturists/Processors			√
➤ Institutional Officers/ Quality Control Officers / relevant Field Officers	√		
51. Investigations			
➤ Investigating and taking action in cases of non-compliance with the regulation.	√		
➤ Investigation and action on notifications made by importing countries	√		
52. Inspection in relation to possession, sale and transport of lobsters		√	
53. Prosecution against illegal fishing operations			√
54. Incidents which were closed by giving warnings	√		
55. Registration of fishing vessels	√		

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
56. Issue of High Seas fishing operation licenses	√		
57. Issue of skipper licenses	√		
58. Issue of licenses for the export of ornamental fish	√		
59. Issue of licenses for the import of ornamental fish			√
60. Issue of licenses for the re-export of ornamental fish			√
61. Issue of permits for keeping in possession, transport and export of lobsters			√
62. Issue of licenses for the export of lobsters			√
63. Issue of permits for transport and keeping Chanks in possession	√		
64. Issue of permits for the export of Chanks	√		
65. Issue of permits for collection and transport of dead sea shells and production of fancy goods.		√	
66. Registration of fish and fish production establishments for importation	√		
67. Registration of fish and fish production establishments for export	√		
68. Registration of fish and fish production establishments for re-export	√		
69. Issue of permits for keeping Chicoreus Ramosus flesh in possession, sale, exhibition and transport of them.	√		
70. Issue of permits for export of Chicoreus Ramosus flesh	√		
71. Issue of permits for the transport, keeping in possession and exhibition of dead sea shells		√	
72. Issue of permits for the export of beach-de-mer	√		
73. Issue of permits for keeping in possession, sale, exhibition and transport of beach de-mer	√		
74. Recurrent	√		
75. Capital			√

Chapter 05. Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

05.1 Indicate the relevant sustainable development goals.

Goal/ Objective	Targets	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
Investigation and legal action for cases of non-compliance with the regulation	No.of incompliances	No.of instances steps were taken		√	
Ending hunger, achieving food security and good nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.	Ensuring hygiene, quality and legality of fish products in the domestic market and the export market				
Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being of all those who are at all ages					
Ensuring nutritious, prefect sustainable economic growth and promoting productive and better employments for all					
Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns					
Conservation and efficient use of ocean, marine and marine resources for sustainable development					
To develop and streamline the fisheries industry using efficient and environmental friendly new techniques thereby increasing fish		Compensation for natural disasters	%		
	Placing of fish aggregation structures made out of discarded vehicles to increase fish stock within the nearshore waters.	%		√	

production and raising the socio-economic status of the fisher community.	Integrated Fisheries Sector Awareness Programme	%			√
	Demarcation of lagoon boundaries	%		√	
	Direct fuel requirement for fisheries industry in relation to securing fishing jobs and ensuring food security	%		√	
	Implementation of the program to provide monthly subsistence allowance to NTRB vessel owners by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	%			√
	Measures taken to regulate the impact on the fisheries sector following the fire incident of cargo ship New X Press Pearl on 21 st May and its progress	%		√	

5.2. Describe in brief the achievements and challenges of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

In order to achieve sustainable development goals, insurance schemes for fishermen were implemented with the aim of ensuring social and economic security of fisher families. Fishermen, small and medium scale fish traders and related stakeholders were made aware of the importance of using the fish harvest in a quality and hygienic manner and the proper handling methods to be followed for that purpose.

As another special project, the second phase of the project to create artificial fish habitats in the coastal sea by using decommissioned buses with the aim of increasing the fish population in the coastal sea, was proposed to be implemented in Kankesanthurai area of Jaffna District and it was decided to carry out this project in the fourth quarter of 2022. Here, 47 such buses were transported to the venue. It is expected to increase the fish stock and also bring economic security to the fisher community.

With a view to securing fishing jobs and ensuring food security, petrol, kerosene and diesel were provided to fishermen through the filling stations selected for the direct fuel requirement of the fisheries industry. Furthermore, according to the agreement received to sponsor one of the proposals submitted to the World Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with the aim of providing relief to low-income fishermen, the beneficiaries were given monthly living allowance at the rate of Rs.15,000.00 for period of three months.

Under 14 sustainable development goals, it was able to work for the conservation of marine resources through the introduction of new regulations mentioned in Chapter 2. Also, action was taken to fulfill the targets 02 and 3, by working to increase the production of fish for the protein requirement in the country. Fuel shortage and hiking of fuel prices have become a major challenge in meeting these targets in 2022.

Achievements

- Although it was not possible to carry out the duties as usual in the face of corona epidemic (COVID-19) in the country, duties were performed via online technology.
- Conducted training programs via online technology.
- The activities such as investigations and analysis were carried out by means of distance platform.
- To look after the health, safety and welfare of the staff even during a period where there is a health risk.
- To restore the fish market by restoring the disrupted fish distribution network
- Enabling to perform duties with a good relationship if such a situation arises in the future.
- In the face of this situation, it was able to continue the fisheries industry and export of fish to the foreign market.

Challenges

- Co-ordination issues arose due to non-use of technology by some institutions even though the work was carried out online.
- In view of the economic crisis in the country, Public Finance Management Circulars were issued and due to their inclusion, provisions allocated to various subjects were reduced.

06. Chapter – Human Resource Profile

6.1 Management of Cadre

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies / (Excess) **
Senior	51	31	20
Tertiary	28	16	12
Secondary	735	713	22
Primary	105	85	20

6.2 Briefly state as to how the dearth of human resources or excess of cadre has affected the performance of the organization.

Due to the presence of cadre vacancies in the Department, difficulties have arisen in assigning duties, thereby making it hard to get the duties performed effectively and efficiently in order to achieve the set objectives of the institution

6.3 Human Resources Development

Internal Training Programmes - Local

Name of the programme	No. of Officers trained	Duration of a programme and No.of programmes	Participants	Total investment (Rs.)	Output and knowledge gained
Awareness programmes for the relevant parities about the Fisheries law in order to combat illegal activities committed by using fishing boats.	33	One day 01-programme	Officers in Sri Lanka Navy	26,780.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter
Awareness programmes for the relevant parities about the fisheries law in order to overcome illegal activities committed by using fishing boats. (Resource Personal Service)	179	07 days 07-programmes	Officers in Sri Lanka Navy / Coast Guard Officers/ Officers of Police Marine Division	-	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.

Name of the programme	No. of Officers trained	Duration of a programme and No.of programmes	Participants	Total investment (Rs.)	Output and knowledge gained
Special meeting to make aware of the boatyards owners	75	01 day 01 programme	Boatyards owners and stakeholders	38,960.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter
Residential training programme for the officials engaged in investigations and raids	39	02 days 01 programme	Staff Grade Officers/Legal Officers/Fisheries Officers/Development Officers/Fisheries Inspectors	148,246.40	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
Awareness Program on the Livelihood Development Program and the Annual Training Plan	34	02 days 01 programme	Executive Officers and Staff Grade Officers	189,649.43	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
Introduction of Blue Tracker software	64	08 days 08 programmes	Fisheries Officers	106,321.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
Conducting of the Efficiency Bar Examination	8	02 days 01 programme	Quality Control Officers (Grade II)	46,600.00	Officers' attendance for the relevant examination
Conducting of the Efficiency Bar Examination	33	01 day 01 programme	Fisheries Officers of the Head Officers and District Officers (Grade III)	57,989.00	Officers' attendance for the relevant examination

Name of the programme	No. of Officers trained	Duration of a programme and No. of programmes	Participants	Total investment (Rs.)	Output and knowledge gained
Awareness programme on the scope of the quality control	17	02 days 02-programmes	Quality Control Officer	10,408.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
Under the development of Human Resources in the Public Sector by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (Sinhala medium)	55	01 day 02 programmes	Executive Officers/Chief Management Services Officer/ Management Services Officer	25,080.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
1.Training in the formulation of Human Resources Development Plan					
2.Training in the preparation of annual performance agreement					
Staff training - 2022 (Conducting via online)		44 days 25 programmes	Executive Officers and Staff Grade Officers / Information Technology Officers/ Fisheries Officers/ Fisheries Inspectors/ Development Officers/ Management Services Officers/Office Employees	42, 700.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.

Name of the programme	No. of Officers trained	Duration of a programme and No.of programmes	Participants	Total investment (Rs.)	Output and knowledge gained
Two-day training workshop on identification of netting gear and use of navigational equipment (Puttalam/ Mahawewa/ Negombo)	60	06 days 03 programmes	For the officers in district fisheries officers	176,200.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter..
Staff training - 2022 (Conducting via online) The program to make aware of the fisher community about managing the fisheries industry by preventing illegal fishing activities in the Jaffna Fisheries District and the program to educate the officials of the partner institutions and the officers of the District Fisheries Office-Jaffna	123	01 day 02 programmes	Fishermen,Navy Officers,Police Officers,Officers of the Department of Coast Guard	110,125.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
Tamil Language Course relevant to the acquiring proficiency in Official Language (150 hrs)	45	17 days 01 programme	Fisheries Officers/Development Officers/Management Services Officers	76,500.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.
National Plan of Control and Inspection - Awareness workshop for harbour officers	36	01 day 01 programme	Harbour Officers	30,865.00	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter.

Name of the programme	No. of Officers trained	Duration of a programme and No. of programmes	Participants	Total investment (Rs.)	Output and knowledge gained
Providing necessary training for university students					
University of Ruhuna	10	08 weeks 01 day	For university students	-	Officers were provided with the knowledge of the relevant scope of subject matter..
Ocean University of Sri Lanka	1	03 months 01 programme			

External Training Programmes –Local

Name of the course	Name of the institute	Participants	No. of staff trained	Duration of the programme	Total Investment	Output/knowledge obtained
				(days)	(Rs)	
Two day online training programme “Transport Management”	Skill Development Fund	Management Services Officers	01	02	7000.00	Gained the knowledge about the relevant subject
Workshop on Internal Auditing for Food Safety Management Systems)	Sri Lanka Standards Institute	Quality Control Officers	12	02	140,400.00	Gained the knowledge about the relevant subject
Proccessional Development of Office Employees and Drivers	National Institute of Labour Studies	Office Employees’ Service I/III	10	01	50,000.00	Gained the knowledge about the relevant subject
		Drivers I/II/III				
Maintenance of Government Vehicles	National Institute of Labour Studies	Management Services Officers I/II/III	9	01	45,000.00	Gained the knowledge about the relevant subject

Total number of programs conducted and financial allocations incurred during the year 2022

Vote	Total number of programs conducted	Total amount incurred (Rs.)
290-01-01-0-2401 (Training)	60 (Including all online and on-site programs) Under this vote, first cheque of Tamil Language course amounting to Rs. 22,500.00 has been issued.	1,046,214.40
290-01-01-0-1703 (Languages)	1 (Other course fees related to the Tamil language course are paid under this vote.	54,000.00
290-1-01-05-2202 (Awareness)	1	38,960.00
Sea Food Association/ 2020.09.18 Receipt No - T/24/610573 (From the financial allocations made to the Department)	1	189,649.43

Inspection of the district fisheries offices and the affiliated offices carried out during the year 2022.

Office Inspection			
District	Date	Vote	Total Expenditure
Trincomalee	From 17.10.2022 to 20.10.2022	For fuel - 1202	Total - Rs.73,840.00

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, shortage of fuel and economic crisis prevailing in the country, office inspection could be done only in Trincomalee District Fisheries Office in 2022.

6.3.1. Contribution of the training programmes towards the performance of the institution.

- Officers are employed in 53 posts in the Department and the total number of staff is only 845.
- During the year, training programs were conducted covering all categories out of these 53 categories of employees.
- It was expected to provide knowledge about the rules, discipline and ethics required to work in an organization and to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills through the programs held this year for the position of office employees.

- From the programs conducted for the post of driver this year, it was expected to give an understanding of daily running charts of government vehicles, efficient use of vehicles, maintenance, road safety and office etiquette.
- Through the programs conducted for management service officers, it was expected to provide them with knowledge of Establishments Code and Financial Regulations and develop attitudes and skills required for maintaining files when engaging in office functions.
- Through the programmes conducted for the Development Officers, it was also expected to provide them with practical knowledge of Establishments and Financial Regulations and to provide an understanding of the Department's operations as well as procurement activities.

07. Compliance Report

No	Applicable Requirement		Brief explanation for non-Compliance	Corrective action proposed to avoid non – compliance in future
1	The Following Financial Statements/ accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	√		
1.2	Advance to Public Officers Account	√		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	×	This is a service providing Department.	
1.4	Store Advance Accounts	×		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	√		
1.6	Others	√		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR 445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	√		
2.2	Personal emolument register/ personal emolument cards have been maintained and update	√		
2.3	Register of Audit Queries has been maintained and update	√		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	√		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on the due date	√		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	√		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	√		
2.8	Stock Register has been maintained and update	√		
2.9	Register of losses and damages has been maintained and update	√		
2.10	Register of liabilities has been maintained and update	√		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N 20) has been maintained and update	√		

03	Delegation of function for Financial Control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	√		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	√		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such a manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	√		
3.4	The controls have been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	√		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The Annual action plan has been prepared	√		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	√		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	√		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Department (NBD) on the due date	√		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Treasury Operations on time	√		
5	Audit Queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	√		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/ 1 - 2019	√		
6.2	All the internal audit reports have been replied within one month	X	Delay in receiving some replies	Appointment of an officer from each division by assigning responsibilities
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports have been forwarded to the Department of Management Audit in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	√		

6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	√		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meeting of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular I-2019	X	Three meetings had to be held due to COVID-19 condition in the country.	
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchase of assets and disposals was submitted to the comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/ 2017	√		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's office in terms of paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	√		
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in term of Public Finance Circular No.05/ 2016	√		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, action was carried out during the period specified in the circular	√		
8.5	The disposal of condemned articles had been carried out in term of FR 772	√		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	√		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	√		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	√		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104,109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	√		
9.5	Fuel consumption of vehicle has been	√		

	re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016			
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	√		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got them certified and forwarded for audit	√		
10.2	Settled the dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since the previous year	√		
10.3	Action had been taken in term of Financial Regulations regarding balance that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and those balances been settled within one month	√		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provision allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	√		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provision that remained at the end of the year after utilization as per the FR 94 (1)	√		
12	Advance to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	√		
12.2	A age analysis had been done on the loans in arrears	√		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	√		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	√		
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	√		
14	Impress Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	√		
14.2	The ad – hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	√		

14.3	The ad – hoc sub imprests issued not exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	√		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	√		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue collected in compliance with the relevant regulations had been made in terms of the regulations	√		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the Deposit Account without credited to the deposit account	√		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue have been forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	√		
16	Human Resources Management			
16.1	The staff had been maintained within the approved cadre	√	Vacancies exists in the post of	Action has been taken to recruit in the year 2021
16.2	Duty lists have been issued to all members of the staff in writing.	√		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of the Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	√		
17	Provision of Information to the Public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of the Right To Information Act and Regulations	√		
17.2	Information about the institution has been provided through the website therein. General public have been facilitated to publish appreciations /to level allegations via this website or alternative measures	√		
17.3	Bi-annual and annual reports have been submitted as per Sections 08 and 10 of the RIT Act	X		
18	Implementing Citizen's Charter			
18.1	A Citizens Charter/ Citizens Client's			Being

	Charter has been formulated and implemented by the institution in term of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018 (1) of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management	√		prepared for the year 2021
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter/ Citizens Client's Charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the Circular	√		After being prepared relevant to the year 2021 an officer will be nominated
19	Preparation of the Human Resources Plan			
19.1	A human resources plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of public administration circular no. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	X		Being prepared for the year 2021
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	√		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid circular	√		Taking action to prepare for the year 2021
19.4	A Senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the Human Resources Development plan, organizing capacity building programs as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	X		An officer will be appointed by formulating a plan in 2021
20	Reponses to Audit paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have rectified	√		