



# **Workshop on Governance for Inland fishery development in Commons - Tanks and Ponds**

**September 12, 2013**

**Madurai Symposium 2013**



## The Seminar

Madurai Symposium is a biannual event being organised at Madurai for the development practitioners and multi stake holders to share their experiences on various development themes and to advance their collaboration with the institutions and general public. The 6th Madurai Symposium is scheduled to be organised during the 11 to 15th September 2013 at Madurai. The focus of the Madurai Symposium is on integrating Governance with the various development interventions and sharing the field experiences to address the global issues of sustainable development. During the symposium it is prepared to conduct a people work shop on Governance for Inland fishery development in Ponds – One of the Major usu-fruct in commons on 12th September 2013.

## Background

DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) is determined for community inland fisheries development in small scale water bodies such as tanks and ponds. In these minor irrigation tanks, fishery is facilitated by providing deeper storage and fish ponds with their contribution to extend the period of water storage. This will help to store water for an extended period of two months for successful fish rearing, majorly act as an additional income to the community organisations called as Vayalagam at village level. With this additional income small maintenance and added nutrition are being done by Vayalagams by taking up fish rearing in Tanks and ponds, by getting fishery rights formally from owners / informally / through panchayat agreements.

## Objectives of the Seminar

The objectives of the workshop is to share the present experiences of governance and sustainability practiced at Vayalagams in different states wherein DVTF have inland fishery promoted, for consolidating the Governance issues and expected reforms, experiences:

- To understand the present governance mechanisms in local water bodies related to fishery development in earlier, present and in future days
- To identify governance issues in inland fishery in different states
- To evolve new ways of working and action plan for better governance and sustainability as way forward.



## Participants

The expected participants for the workshops are officials from Panchayat level, various government departments owning fishery rights, Educational and Research Institutes, Vayalagam leaders and people workers involved in fishery development from Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Pondicheery. The Participants share their experiences and evolve the possible ways of effective governance for the objectives proposed for the workshop.

## Expected outcome

- To arrive at concrete road map to overcome governance issues
- To highlight , sound inland fish rearing traditional practices
- To evolve mechanisms and strategies to institutionalise inland fishery in small water bodies



## Programme Schedule

- 9.30 am : Registration
- 10.00 am : Prayer and welcome
- 10.15 am : Purpose of Workshop
- 10.30 am : Chair Person address
- 10.45 am : Lead Paper Presentation
- 11.30 am : Oral Presentations by Various Departments and Educational Institutes
- 12.30 pm : Sharing of Vayalagam Experience by Staffs and Leaders
- 01.30 pm : lunch break
- 02.30 pm : Group Discussion on the theme
- 04.30 pm : Synthesis of group discussions
- 05.00 pm : Concluding remarks

## Venue and Date of the Seminar

The seminar is planned to be organized in Thamukkam Grounds on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

## Registration and contact

Kindly confirm your participation and send your papers if any, along with your travel details through email to

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## **DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation, Madurai**

Tankfed Agriculture Development Programme was one of the thematic programmes of DHAN Foundation towards the purpose of reducing rural poverty. For up scaling the tank programme and for enriching the water related development interventions, DHAN Foundation promoted DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) which became operational with effect from October 2, 2006. The DVTF is striving for the conservation and development of small scale traditional water resources such as tanks, ponds, ooranies, supply channels etc in addition to the development of watersheds through people's participation. At present DVTF is working in 6 States with the support of Government, National and International Corporate Philanthropies and other funding agencies.

