

Participating Institutions and Organizations

College of Fisheries, Panangad
Kayal Samrakshana Samithy units (Anjuthaikkal, Ambalakadavu, Aryakkara, Kaipuram, Mukkalvattom, Pallikunnu, Ponnad, Puthenangadi and Shraithodu)
Kerala State Biodiversity Board
Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS)
School of Applied Life Sciences, Chuttippara, Pathanamthitta
School of Environmental Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
St. Albert's College, Ernakulam
Vembanad Nature Club, Muhamma



Community Environmental Resource Center (CERC)
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Dear All,

Vembanad lake, a wetland of international significance, is an important resource base for the livelihoods of the communities living around. Current and past human interventions for development and agriculture have been detrimental to the natural resources of the lake. With the intention of creating awareness about the state of fishery resources of the lake and instituting a deliberative democratic system for the management of Vembanad Lake by enhancing cooperation between various stakeholders, Govt. departments, NGOs and academic institutions, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) has initiated the annual Vembanad Fish count in May 2008. The third edition of the fish count, the **Vembanad Fishcount 2010** has been scheduled for **26th and 27th May 2010**.

Kerala State Biodiversity Board, Regional Agricultural Research Station of Kerala Agriculture University, Vembanad Nature Club and various Kayal Samrakshana Samithy's of the fisherfolk are collaborating in this event. The College of Fisheries, Panangad, School of Environmental Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University and the St. Albert's College, Ernakulam will be providing the technical support. The survey will be flagged off from Muhamma boat jetty by 6.00 AM on 27th May. The closing ceremony will be held at St. George Parish Hall, Muhamma (near Muhamma boat jetty) at 3.00 PM. Dr. T.M. Thomas Isaac, the honorable Minister for Finance, Kerala has kindly agreed to receive the survey teams and inaugurate the valedictory function. On behalf of the organizing committee, we invite you all to participate in this event and lend your support in protecting this great natural heritage.

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VEMBANAD FISH COUNT 2010

27th May 2010



Community Environmental Resource Centre, ATREE
Regional Agricultural Research Station, Kumarakom
Kerala State Biodiversity Board
Vembanad Nature Club
Kayal Samrakshana Samithy



Programme

18.05.2010- 25.05.2010: Registration of volunteers

26.05.2010 Orientation Program for the volunteers

Venue: St. George Parish Hall, Muhamma (near Muhamma boat jetty) on 26th May 2010

14.00 Registration

15.00: Orientation Workshop

17.30: Meeting of Team Leaders

20.00 Dinner

21.00 Depart to the boarding places

27.05.2010 Vembanad Fish Count-2010

06.00 Flag off : Survey team 1) Muhamma Boat Jetty

Survey team 2) Punnamada

Survey team 3) Alappuzha

14.00 Survey teams reaches the St George Parish Hall

15.00 Valedictory Function

Inauguration : **Dr. T.M. Thomas Isaac**, Minister for Finance, Kerala

Presidential Address: **Sri. C.K. Bhaskaran**, President Muhamma Gramapanchayath

Release of 2009 Report: **Sri. Justin Mohan** IFS, Project Officer, Kuttanad Package

PS: Those who are interested to volunteer are requested to register their names before 25/05/2010 and attend the mandatory orientation at the St. George Parish Hall, Muhamma (near Muhamma boat jetty) on 26th May 2010, Wednesday at 2:00 PM.