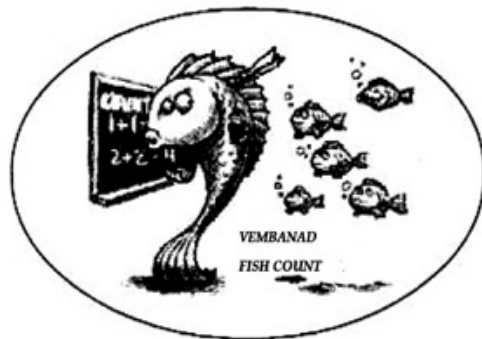


Vembanad Fish Count 2017



26th & 27th May, 2017

Dear All,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Vembanad Fish Count 2017. The Vembanad lake, a wetland of international significance, fosters high biodiversity and substantially supports rural livelihoods. The environmental conditions of this lake are in steady decline due to current and past interventions for the development and agricultural activities and have led to a crisis in livelihoods for dependent communities. The previous Fish Counts have revealed a steady decline in the diversity of certain carnivorous fishes and an increase of omnivorous fishes, pointing to the increasing pollution of the lake. With the intention of creating awareness about the state of fishery resources of the lake and institute a deliberative democratic governance system for 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 10th edition of **Vembanad Fish Count 2017** has been scheduled for 26th and 27th May 2017.

Vembanad Fish Count 2017 is organised in collaboration with Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (KUFOS), Kerala State Biodiversity Board, Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala, India Biodiversity Portal (IBP), Samyuktha Vembanad Kayal Samrakshana. Samithi and Vembanad Nature Club.

The survey will be flagged off by noted environmentalist **Sri. K.V. Dayal** from Kaipuram boat jetty by 6.00 AM on 27th May 2017. The closing ceremony of Fish Count will be held at Pulimootil Trade Center, Alappuzha. **Prof. Dr. A. Ramachandran**, (Vice Chancellor, KUFOS) will receive the survey teams and inaugurate the valedictory function at 2:30 pm. **Shri. Rakesh Sasibhushan**, (Chairman cum Managing Director of Antrix Corporation Ltd) will be the Guest of Honour.

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.

Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan
CERC Convener

18.05.2017
Alappuzha

Jojo T.D.
Project Coordinator

Program

04.05.2017 – 20.05.2017 : Registration of volunteers

26.05.2017 – Vembanad Fish Count 2017: Orientation

Venue: Karma Sadan, Convent Square, Alappuzha

05:30 pm : Chair Prof. K.V. Jayachandran, (Retired Director of Research, KUFOS)

06:00- 08:00 pm : Orientation for the volunteers: Mr. Anu Radhakrishnan (Research Associate, ATREE)

: Introduction to India Biodiversity Portal: Dr. Thomas Vattakkavan

8:00 pm : Dinner

27.05.2017 – Vembanad Fish Count - 2017

06:00 am : Flag off by Shri. K.V. Dayal, Noted Environmentalist (Venue: Kaipuram Boat Jetty)

01:30 pm : Survey teams reaches Pulimootil Trade Center, Alappuzha

02:30 pm : Valedictory Function

Welcome : Mr. Jojo T.D., Coordinator, ATREE CERC

Chair : Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan, Senior Fellow, ATREE

Inauguration : Dr. A. Ramchandran, Vice Chancellor, KUFOS

Special Guest of Honour: Shri. Rakesh Sasibhushan, Chairman cum Managing Director of Antrix Corporation Limited

Presentation by the Three Cruise Captains

Summing up : Dr. Rajeev Raghavan, Assistant Professor, KUFOS

Certificate distribution : Shri. C.P. Anirudhan, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Alappuzha

Vote of Thanks: Shri. K.M Poovu, Secretary, Federation of Vembanad Lake Protection Forum

Collaborating Institutions and Organisations



Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment



Kerala State Biodiversity Board



Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies



Department of Fisheries
Govt. of Kerala

Samyuktha Vembanad Kayal
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