

SOCIETY OF FISHERIES TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES

THE TRAVANCORE COCHIN, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND
CHARITABLE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION
ACT XII OF 1955

S. No. Er. 103 of 1975

I hereby certify that the "Society of Fisheries Technologists (India)" has this day been registered under the Travancore - Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies' Registration Act XII of 1955.

Given under my hand at Ernakulam this 17th day of July One thousand nine hundred and seventy five.

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Registrar of Societies
Ernakulam, 17-7-1975

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Article 1: NAME OF THE SOCIETY:

The Society shall be called the “Society of Fisheries Technologists (India)”

Article 2: PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES:

- i) The Society of Fisheries Technologists (India), established on 29th October 1962 is a scientific Society of members engaged in research, development, education and policy making related to fisheries and aquaculture.
- ii) The objective of the Society is to promote the cause of fisheries and aquaculture in general and fisheries and aquaculture technology in particular in all its aspects by:
 - a) Providing a forum for fisheries and aquaculture technologists connected with:
 - i. production and processing of fish, design and construction of fishing systems and naval architecture,
 - ii. basic research in areas like biochemistry, microbiology, biotechnology, nanotechnology and emerging areas in relation to fisheries and aquaculture technology and
 - iii. research in social sciences and allied subjects relevant to fisheries and aquaculture technology.
 - b) Formulating need based recommendations to policy makers in fisheries and aquaculture, both at the State and Central Government levels by organizing review meetings of scientific research in the field of fisheries and aquaculture technology and facilitate exchange of information among members.
 - c) Encouraging members of the Society for writing/ publishing books in relevant areas.

- d) Organizing national and international seminars, conferences and symposia periodically.
- e) Encouraging original investigations on problems related to fisheries and aquaculture technology
- f) Publishing a journal which shall be called “FISHERY TECHNOLOGY”
- g) Instituting awards for outstanding contributions to the advancement of fisheries and allied areas (as in Article 2(ii) a) in India. The criteria and periodicity shall be decided by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Body, and
- h) Such other means consistent with the aims of the Society, as the Executive Committee may decide.

Article 3: The Society may accept any financial contribution from individuals/institutions and utilise the same in such manner as may be considered desirable for attaining the objectives of the Society.

Article 4: MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTION AND PRIVILEGES:

A. Membership:

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in fisheries, fisheries technology and fishing industry, having minimum basic qualification, as prescribed in Article 4 A (g) of the bye-law. The members of the Society shall consist of Patrons, Benefactors, Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Corporate Members, Life Members and Ordinary Members. The Society reserves its right to cancel the membership of any member or accept the resignation of any member belonging to any of the above categories. The cancellation will be made by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Body.

a) Patrons:

The patrons shall be distinguished persons having the rank and status of Governors of States or Ministers of the Union or State Government, the Chiefs of the Staff of Army,

Navy and Air Force or Vice Chancellors of Universities and Director General of ICAR and other National Scientific bodies. The General Body will have the power to confer the status of patron to distinguished personalities recommended by the Executive Committee.

b) Benefactors:

Benefactors shall be an individual/institution situated in India or outside. An individual/institution resident/situated in India shall become a Benefactor by subscribing an amount prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time and an individual/institution residing/situated outside India shall become a Benefactor by subscribing an amount prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

c) Honorary Fellows:

Honorary fellows shall be persons of eminence by their outstanding contributions to the science of fishery technology. There shall not be at any time more than 15 Honorary Fellows and not more than two Fellows shall be elected during each calendar year. The General Body shall elect the Honorary Fellows from the nominations received from members. Eminent scientists receiving the SOFTI Award instituted by the Society will automatically be conferred the Honorary Fellowship.

d) Fellow:

Any individual member of the Society who satisfies the following conditions shall be eligible to become a Fellow

- i) Post graduate degree in Science/Fisheries or equivalent.
- ii) He/She shall have been engaged in position of responsibility in any branch of fishery technology/ fisheries.
- iii) Minimum 15 years continuous membership in the Society of which 5 years shall be as a Corporate Member.

e) Corporate Members:

Any Individual member of the Society who satisfied the following conditions shall be legible to become a Corporate Member

- i) Bachelor's degree in Science/Fisheries or equivalent.
- ii) He/She shall have been engaged in a position of responsibility in any branch of fishery technology/ fisheries.
- iii) Minimum 10 years continuous membership in the Society.

Corporate Members/Fellow Members shall be elected by majority of a Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee shall have seven members including the President and Secretary of the Society and 5 members nominated by the Executive Committee. The term of the Fellowship Committee shall be for two years.

The Corporate Member and Fellows of the Society shall be entitled to the exclusive use after his/her name of the abbreviated designation as follows:

Fellow: F.S.F.T.

Corporate Member: M.S.F.T.

f) Life Members

A Life Member shall be an individual who resides in India or outside India and pays the membership fee prescribed by the General Body from time to time.

g) Ordinary Members:

Persons or Institutions interested in fisheries technology are eligible for ordinary membership. Persons who apply for membership during the first year are automatically admitted as Founder Members whereas applications of all persons for membership thereafter shall be recommended by two members in good standing. Persons applying for ordinary membership shall possess a minimum educational

qualification of a University degree (Bachelors level) or equivalent. Institutions becoming members will be called Institutional members.

h) There shall be Ordinary life members, Corporate Life Members or Life Fellows.

B. Subscription, Due date and Defaulters:

a) The entrance fee, the annual subscription for various memberships and the rates of subscription for the journal 'Fishery Technology' shall be decided by the General Body from time to time with due notice specifying the item in the agenda.

b) When an ordinary member residing in India or outside India of some years standing in the Society desires to become a Life Member a rebate at the rate of one half of the annual subscriptions thus far paid will be allowed up to a maximum of 10 years.

c) An Ordinary Life Member may become a Life Corporate Member or Benefactor by paying the corresponding difference in one lump sum.

d) Ordinary Members and Life Members residing in India or outside may become Benefactors by paying the difference between the two types of memberships.

e) Honorary Fellows shall be exempted from payment of entrance fee or subscriptions.

f) The annual subscription of Membership shall be paid before 31st May of every year. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears shall not have the privilege of the Society until the arrears are paid. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears for three consecutive years shall automatically cease to be members of the Society. Such persons can revive their membership on payment of all arrears due plus and additional entrance fee. A person who ceases to be a member as per provision of this article can be readmitted as a new member in the fourth year.

Article 5: The financial year of the Society shall be the year ending 31st March,

Article 6: The Head Quarters of the Society shall be at Kochi,

Article 7: A. General Body:

The supreme authority of the Society shall rest with the General Body.

B. Powers and Duties of the General Body

- a) to elect office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee.
- b) to appoint committees as it may consider necessary for carrying on the work of the Society.
- c) to appoint auditors who shall be chartered accountants and to fix their remuneration.
- d) to adopt annual report submitted by the Executive Committee.
- e) to pass audited statement of accounts.
- f) to hold control and administer the property and funds of the Society.
- g) to make and amend rules of the Society as and when considered necessary.
- h) to take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient to bring into effect the objectives of the Society.

Article 8: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a) The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Joint Secretary a Treasurer, a Chief Editor and nine members. The President and at least one of the Vice President, the Secretary, the Joint Secretary, the Chief Editor, the Treasurer and at least six members of the committee shall be residents at the Head Quarters town of the Society.

- b) All office bearers with the exception of Joint Secretary shall be elected by the members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, the Joint Secretary shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee
- c) The persons proposed as members of the Executive Committee shall be members of the Society with a standing of at least five consecutive years prior to the date of proposal.
- d) Institutional Members shall not be eligible to seek election to the Executive Committee.

Article 9: The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Editor and other members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for three years only.

Article 10: POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS:

- i) President:

President shall have general control over the affairs of the Society. The President shall preside over all the meeting of the General Body and of any committee of which the President is a member. In the case of equality of votes the President shall have a casting vote. If in the opinion of the President an emergency has arisen which requires that immediate action should be taken, the President shall take such action as The President deems necessary and shall report the same at the next meeting of the General Body or the Executive Committee whichever in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.

- ii) Vice President:

In the absence of the President the Senior Vice President (based on membership of the Society), will preside over the meetings and shall have a casting vote.

iii) Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the Society and advise the General Body and the Executive Committee as regards its financial policy. The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and donations and keep regular account of receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies received by the Society from all sources and shall issue receipts for the same in the official form. The Treasurer shall also submit to the Executive Committee a statement of receipts and expenditure and the balance sheet as audited for submission to the General Body. All amounts received shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. All cheques etc. shall be signed by any two of the following office bearers viz. the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

iv) Secretary:

The Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society

1. The Secretary shall transact all official business of the Society.
2. The Secretary shall be in charge of all records and properties of the Society.
3. The Secretary shall call for meetings of the General Body, the Executive Committee and sub-committees.
4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meeting of the General Body, the Executive Committee and the sub-committees.
5. The Secretary shall submit an annual report of the working of the Society from 1st April to 31st March for consideration of the Executive Committee for presentation to the General Body at its Annual Meeting.

6. The Secretary shall circulate to the members of the Executive Committee copies of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee within 15 days of its meeting and to all the members' copies of the proceeding of the General Body within 45 days of its meeting.

v) Joint Secretary:

The Joint Secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Secretary and President.

Article 11: POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers of administration except those reserved for the General Body.
2. Vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee during the year may be filled up by co-option by the Committee
3. To fix the date, venue, time and agenda of the meeting of the General Body convened by it.
4. To make sub-rules for the conduct of the affairs of the Society provided they are not inconsistent with its bye-laws.
5. To administer the finance of the Society.
6. To form sub-committees for specific purposes.
7. To give decisions and rulings on any point not covered by the rules.
8. To have full power of interpretation with regard to all articles of bye-laws in existence.
9. To do all other acts in furtherance of the objects of the society.
10. To hear and decide all questions submitted to it.
11. To enroll members.

12. To remove from the list of members the name of a member whose subscription or other dues are in arrears after giving due notice to such member.
13. The Executive Committee shall meet ordinarily once in three months. A week's notice of such meetings shall ordinarily be given. But urgent meeting may be convened by the Secretary by giving three days' notice. The quorum for the meeting shall be six of which at least three shall be non-office-bearers. If there is no quorum for half an hour from the scheduled time for any meeting it may be adjourned. The adjourned meeting may be reconvened giving three days' notice and those present the meeting shall constitute the quorum.

Article 12: MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held by 30th June. The Secretary shall give 15 days notice of the meeting to all members and shall circulate with the notice a copy of the agenda.

In the absence of the Presidents or Vice Presidents one of the members nominated by the members of the General Body shall preside over the meeting. The business transacted at the Annual meeting shall include,

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Adoption of annual report and audited statement of accounts.
3. Election of members of the Executive Committee.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Consideration of resolution notice of which has been given.
6. Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

- b) Elections, if any, in any meeting will take place by simple majority either by show of hands or by ballot as may be decided by the Chairman. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote provided that no amendment to the constitution shall be made unless it is carried out by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present with the right of voting.
- c) Patrons and Honorary Members shall not have the right to vote in any meeting of the society.
- d) The quorum for the General Body Meeting shall be 50. If there is no quorum for half an hour from the scheduled time for any meeting it may be adjourned. Five days' notice shall be given for the adjourned meeting and those present at the meeting shall constitute the quorum.
- e) Notice of the resolution to be brought up at the meeting of the General Body shall be given in writing to the Secretary not later than ten days before the date of the meeting.
- f) No alterations or additions to these rules shall be made except at the meeting of the General Body.
- g) Special meeting: Special meeting of the General Body may be called at any time by a resolution of the Executive Committee or by a requisition in writing of at least 50 members or at the discretion of the President to consider such matters as may be mentioned in the resolution or requisition or as may be indicated by the President. The Secretary shall give not less than 7 days' notice of such meeting to all members and shall also circulate with the notice a copy of the agenda.

Article 13: Members desirous of amending the constitution shall give notice of their intention to do so at any time in writing to the Secretary together with a draft of the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be circulated to all members at least one month before the date of the next General Body before which it will be placed for consideration.

The amendment shall be deemed to have been passed if two-third's of the members present in the General Body votes in its favour.

Article 14: EDITORIAL BOARD

The publication of the Society's journal shall be managed by an Editorial Board consisting of a Chief Editor and five Editors. In the absence of the Chief Editor in any meeting of the Executive Committee, an Editor (nominated by the Chief Editor) will be co-opted by the Secretary and his/her presence shall count towards required quorum. The Editors will be elected by the Executive Committee and shall hold office for three years.

Article 15: LOCAL BRANCHES

- a) The Executive Committee may accord permission for forming local branches of the Society in a town or District provided that not less than 10 local members agree to form such a branch. Not more than one branch shall be permitted in each town or District. The right to choose any branch rests with the Executive Committee.
- b) Each local branch shall elect a Chairman and a branch Secretary from amongst the members of that branch and they will hold office for one year. The members of each branch may meet as frequently as possible. It shall be open to the local branch to raise funds for the efficient working of the branch by any local activity. Such funds will be managed by the office-bearers of the branch. The names of the office bearers of the branch shall be reported to the Secretary by the Branch Secretary within a fortnight of election. The Branch Secretary shall also send a brief quarterly report and a detailed annual report of the branch to the Secretary.

Article 16: The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by persons appointed by the General Body every year.