

**A STUDY ON THE LEVEL OF LIVING OF
FISHERMEN, ENGAGED IN PRAWN CATCHING IN
THE MANNAR ISLAND, MANNAR DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT.

The fishing industry is playing the vital role in the Sri Lankan economy and provide the employment opportunities, nutrition, foreign exchange earning and improve the income generation of the coastal areas. Due to the several reasons, the fisheries sector have to be develop for increase the income generation of the peoples.

The fisheries sector is very important to increase the income generation and poverty alleviation in the Mannar island in Mannar District. Most of the peoples engaged in fishing activities for their main source of income.

The objectives of this study is to identify the problem existing in prawn catching in this sector, to identify the suitable development programme to overcome the problems, to identify the institutional activities to improve the socio economic status of the fishermen and also formulate the development plan for fisheries sector. The research investigation is based on the conceptual framework. 100 questionnaires were issued to the prawn catching families with the simple random sampling method. The collected data were analyzed through using the univariate method and the presented data have been in the form of tables and pie chart.

From the finding, the development activities of fisheries sector in this area in very lower level due to the several reasons such as lack of marketing facilities, technology facilities, infrastructure facilities, financial facilities and the poor standard level of the fisheries families.

There fore this study forwards some suggestion regarding the findings. By that it is useful to the Government and NGOs and it is well-wishers to know the problems faced by the respondents. So this research study will contribute to the development of level of living of the prawn catches in this research area.

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