

Project Update: September 2015

This past season where we focused on our 2nd Rufford grant objectives went really well. Our baitfish surveys are showing significant downtrends for certain fish groups and improvements in others, thus demanding immediate action. Our research-based surveys are only reinforcing traditional knowledge that exists for this region and thus making a strong case for the revival and maintenance of traditional management practices. Our ever growing community-based catch monitoring surveys are revealing interesting aspects of the tuna fishery that previously went undocumented. Our recent surveys of market dynamics are showing promise for developing this fishery in a sustainable fashion. We are strengthening our collaborations with local government departments, WWF-India and the International Pole and Line Foundation.

In January 2015, we also published a calendar to promote the pole and line fishery and the Rufford supported community-based project. You can view these calendars on our website ([English](#) and [Malayalam](#)). This calendar was very well received within the Lakshadweep Islands and also proved to be an effective way for us to communicate our work around the world.

