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# RISKS- INCLUSIONS IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF DEEP SEA FISHERMEN: SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COASTAL KARNATAKA

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## Abstract

*Risks are the ubiquitous situations that stop an individual from presenting his positive skills and potentialities which can be beneficial to his as well as his surroundings wellbeing are often experienced by the deep sea fishermen working in the deep sea beyond 200 nautical miles from the shore on multi days ranging from 8-10 days without the basic amenities in the region of Coastal Karnataka. Risks of life, income and health are experienced by these workers along with the contingencies that come on the way of their working life. Occupational risks often deviates an individual from the expected outcomes and hinder his/her work performance (Barrientos, n. d). If these risks are not handled and treated on time, these risks can get included in the job description of the individuals which can cause havoc to the lives of the workers involved.*

*The present exploratory study is done with the objective of highlighting the various risks faced by the deep sea fishermen and suggestions for safeguarding their safety while at work. The researcher has used Stratified Proportionate Sampling method to select the required number of fishing vessels from each of the fishing ports depending on their contribution to the total strata. From the Coastal Karnataka 930 samples are selected for the study from 465 vessels. Once the fishing vessels are selected the researcher has used Judgemental Sampling Method to select two respondents from each of the vessel, i.e. the captain and the co-captain using an interview schedule. The involvement of occupational risks, absence of safety equipments and the need for safety management is highlighted in the study.*

**Key Words:** Coastal Karnataka, Deep sea, fishermen, Occupational risk, Risk

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