



ALL GOA SMALL SCALE RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES UNION
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✓ To,
The Secretary (Fisheries)
Government of Goa,
Secretariate, Porvorim,
Goa

Subject: Regular night illegal trawling in Zuari River

Sir,

It has come our attention that there is regular night illegal trawling in Zuari River from April 30, 2023 night by around dozen trawlers.

Illegals were reported to the Goa Fisheries Department control room over the phone and even got assurances of sending Patrol boat. However no such actions are initiated and assurances proved to be empty. As a result illegal fishing by trawlers continues daily with tacit support from the office of Director of Fisheries under whose supervision control room is functioning.

Goa Fisheries department has got its Patrol boat. Marine Police too has got their Patrol boat. However they are not deployed to crackdown on illegal trawling in Zuari river.

Director of Fisheries has delegated powers to act against illegal fishing to Mamlatdars, B.D.Os, Deputy Collector and Police stations. However no one is acting against illegal trawling in Zuari.

We request you as the head of Fisheries administration to arrange meeting of all these agencies to initiate strong action against illegal trawling in Zuari river. Govind Jaiswal IAS had initiated strict actions against illegal trawling and purse seine fishing in Zuari while he was Secretary (Fisheries), Government of Goa in 2017. We remember his contribution to Fisheries sustainability fondly. Similarly we request you too to act decisively.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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(President)