

Mobile app launched to aid fishing community

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Researchers at the University of Southampton have designed a mobile app to help small-scale fishing communities in Kerala navigate the challenges of diminishing fish stocks and climate change.

The app, according to a press release, connects fishers, enabling them to share real-time information about fish locations, sea conditions and catch details, ultimately optimising fishing trips and promoting sustainable practices.

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

“Along with our Indian partners, we’ve researched the issues facing Kerala’s fishing communities over the past decade and the impact of climate change and biod-



iversity loss,” said Bindi Shah, Associate Professor in Sociology at the University of Southampton.

The research team, comprising experts from the universities of Southampton, Exeter, Newcastle, and ICAR-CIFT Kerala, has developed policy recommendations for local governments that address extreme weather, marine mammal conflicts, competitive challenges, infrastructure gaps, and mangrove loss.