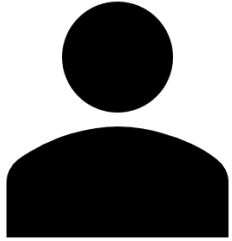


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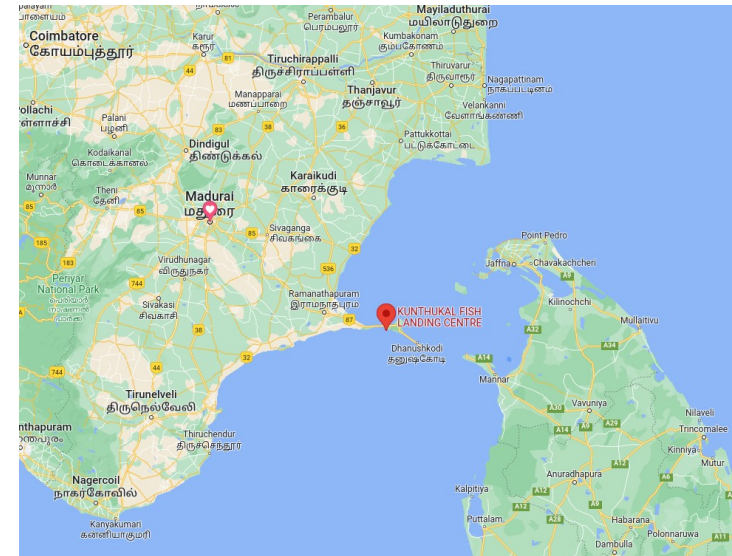


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*Location of  
Kunthukal  
harbour*

Kulanthai  
Yesu Nagar

Kunthukal  
harbour

Muhammadiyah  
Puram



# Introduction

*Like our ancestors, we are also involved in the beach seine fishery. However, there is great difference in the volume of harvest of fishes between then and now. Likewise, with respect to species, until my grandfather's generation, Indian sardine (Soodai) and rainbow herring (Thondan) were predominantly available here. At present, there is no trace of rainbow herring. I still remember, during my primary school years, women used to dry fishes on the beach for miles together. In the last ten years or so, a large portion of harvest has been going to fish oil production – Aavul, a beach seine sammaatti / owner.*



# Context

- Marine Fisheries Regulation Act, 1983.
- Additional regulations – 3 and 4 days rule; token system; ban on pair trawling and ring seine.
- Slackness in implementation.
- Trans-border fishing conflict.
- Volatile.
- Deep-Sea Fishery.

*Deep-Sea Fishing Vessel*



# Blue Economy

- The Third Earth Summit Conference in 2012.
- UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- Multi-dimensional and inter-sectoral approaches.
- Encompass many aspects – such as – coastal manufacturing and services; maritime trade; deep sea minerals; and aquaculture and fisheries.
- Key priority areas – size of blue economy.





# Kunthukal harbour



- Deep-sea fishery.
- Project cost and duration of construction.
- Division.
- Influence.
- Design.

# Beach seine / *Vathai* fishers

- Seasonal occupation.
- Loss of fishing grounds.
- Changes in the depth of sea and seabeds.
- Soil erosion.
- Further declining in fish resource and livelihood.



# Conceptualisation

- Not a linear history – Muhammadiyah Puram.
- Remittance economy.
- Infrastructure as terrain of power and contestation.
- Temporal dimension of infrastructure.





# Thank you

