

### **Project Update: November 2013**

Members of my team and I were in the Lakshadweep islands for the last 2 months covering a lot of ground on our social surveys and catch monitoring programme. Fishermen in the islands have received this catch monitoring programme well and are interested in recording various day to day aspects of their fishery. We held community meetings in the islands of Agatti and Kavaratti to help design the catch monitoring protocol and notebooks.

Thanks to the money we saved last year when flights to the islands were stopped forcing us to take ships, we have managed to stretch the budget to incorporate a fine scale baitfish survey. I am returning to the islands in 2 days to continue my baitfish sampling and socio-ecological surveys. Additionally, we are also currently working on the design of the catch monitoring notebooks and hope to have them ready by January 2014. The funds for these notebooks are coming from Dakshin foundation core funds.