

## Project Update: September 2015

This past season where we focused on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Rufford grant objectives went really well. Our baitfish surveys are showing significant downtrends for certain fish groups and improvements in others, thus demanding immediate action. Our research-based surveys are only reinforcing traditional knowledge that exists for this region and thus making a strong case for the revival and maintenance of traditional management practices. Our ever growing community-based catch monitoring surveys are revealing interesting aspects of the tuna fishery that previously went undocumented. Our recent surveys of market dynamics are showing promise for developing this fishery in a sustainable fashion. We are strengthening our collaborations with local government departments, WWF-India and the International Pole and Line Foundation.

In January 2015, we also published a calendar to promote the pole and line fishery and the Rufford supported community-based project. You can view these calendars on our website ([English](#) and [Malayalam](#)). This calendar was very well received within the Lakshadweep Islands and also proved to be an effective way for us to communicate our work around the world.

