



ARCEMS conducted an awareness program for fisherman communities at Jubail and Darin Fisheries harbors

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ARCEMS conducted two awareness programs for fishermen communities at Jubail and Darin fisheries harbors in November and December 2023 to protect and conserve marine living resources. The programs focused on addressing issues such as irresponsible fishing, illegal fishing, and overfishing, which have significant impacts on the sustainability of fisheries and marine resources. As part of the project, boat-wise interviews were conducted with fishermen at the landing centers. Fishermen in large boats, typically with five individuals in each boat, were interviewed, and the measurements of fishing gears they use were recorded. The awareness programs highlighted the negative effects of bottom trawling, illegal fishing practices, and the improper disposal of fishing gears and plastics on essential fish habitats like coral reefs and seagrass habitats.

The fishermen were educated on the importance of harvesting fish stocks sustainably and using environmentally friendly fishing gears. They were also reminded to follow fishing regulations, avoid fishing for megafauna such as sea turtles and dolphins, and take individual responsibility to protect the marine environment from pollution. The programs were led by ARCEMS delegates, including Dr. Abdurahiman KP, Mr. Premlal, Dr. Khaled, Dr. Rajeesh, Dr. Neelavannan, and Mr. Jinoy, at Jubail and Darin fisheries harbors.

