**Baseline study for Fisheries Development in Telangana state**

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Study limitations and constraints

The experts as also the Field Enumeration teams had to cope up with wide ranging hurdles/ inconveniences in the course of the study. Incessant and torrential rains during August and September months due to which field level enumeration delayed and the proposed number of units could not be visited. Further, non-availability of DOF Staff at District level due to their pre-occupation on exigent tasks such as fish seed stocking, meetings, field visits etc also hampered the work. Non-availability of Panchayat Office bearers (in majority of cases) was big setback to the study of Panchayat owned tanks to understand their policies/strategies in relation to water resource use and management. Reservoirs/tanks located in remote/ far flung areas could not be reached as scheduled thus limiting the number proposed to be covered.

**The data gaps and field study constraints are listed as follows:**

1. There were some level of inconsistency in the data related to listed mandals and villages in the study districts. The names of selected villages have also been substituted in some of the districts during the course of secondary data compilation which hindered the initial progress.
2. There were lot of inconsistencies in TWSA & EWSA of water bodies and the same has been found to be different in different sets of data provided in various stages of secondary data compilation. This led to delay in finalising the secondary data on water bodies.
3. In the village wise data on water bodies there was a mix up of names of water bodies and village names which posed problems in resource coding.
4. The data for all the 31 districts in the state was initially not available and was added in course of time when the secondary data compilation was in progress leading to some reconciliation problems and consequent delays
5. The secondary data related to institutions, infrastructure, markets, HRD on a district wise basis had many gaps and was not comprehensive.
6. The data on seed requirement, seed plan, stocking, were not in congruence and there are many mismatches leading to distorted picture which came in the way of understanding the seed planning aspects.
7. The field survey progress in the initial stages was severely disrupted due to continuous spell of rains and the access to resources and the reach to water bodies was difficult leading to delays in commencement of field surveys as planned.
8. Unpreparedness on the part of DFOs to deliberate on posers during the expert interface at districts and they being unable to provide required feedback has been an observed limitation in the study.
9. Seasonality factor delayed resource characterisation and biological productivity assessment.
10. In a number of cases, tanks selected for study were not existing and the teams had to take several rounds to DFOs offices for enlisting alternative tanks