

Socio-economic Status of Fishermen in Chaung Thar Township, Ayeyarwady Region

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Abstract

The present study focuses on the socio-economic condition of fishermen in Bawin Kyar (Ward II), Chaung Thar area, Ayeyarwady Region, and this study was conducted from May 2022 to March 2023. The study area is located at the mouth of U-To creek in the east and to the west of the village is Chaung Thar beach. A total of 60 fishermen households were engaged in the questionnaire interview survey. The study was performed on the basis of personal interviews and discussions. The study showed that the fishermen community was dominated by the age group of 31-40 representing 36.67% of the respondents who engaged in fishing. The majority of the family size and type was a medium family with 4-6 members (46.67%) and the nuclear family type was recorded as (85%). Fishermen who lived in timber houses with tin roofs were found to be 55% but most of the fishermen lived in rent houses showed 58.33%. Fishermen studied only up to the basic level of education. The monthly income of fishermen households ranged from <100000 kyats to over 500000 kyats. All the fishermen used dam water and rainwater for washing and cooking and purified water for drinking. The sanitary status of fishermen was found in very good condition. All households or 100% of the respondents had water-flushing style toilets in this study area. It could be considered that fishermen had awareness of health, personal hygiene, and environmental hygiene.

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