

Fishing Net Factory in Jaffna

Scope of the Project:

Government of India approved a Project in 2012 to for the development and expansion of fishnetfactory in Jaffna. The objective of this project was to increase the production capacity of the fishnet factory of the Northsea Limited and provide fishnet at reasonable price to the fishing community.

Project Cost: SLR 166 million (INR 7.9 Crore)

Project Status: Completed (2012-13)

Partners:

1. Ministry of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development
2. Presidential Task Force for Resettlement, Development and Security in the Northern Province



Modality of Implementation:

The project was implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP). Government of India supplied the following items:

1. Fishnet knitting machines
2. Fishnet stretching machines
3. Steam Boiler and Dye Plant
4. Nylon Multifilament Twine

Once the machines and equipment were installed the suppliers were required to train the designated technical staff of the Fishnet Factory to enable them to effectively operate the machines.

Beneficiaries: Fishing community in Jaffna

Impact: After the conflict ended in 2009, the resettlement of the fishing population and restoration of their lost fishing equipment created an additional requirement for fishing nets. The fishermen were able to get the right quality fishing nets with the right

specification at a cheaper rate. Fish production increased and sea food made available to whole communities of Jaffna peninsula at affordable prices. The Project had a significant impact on income generation, given that it is a sector that provides livelihood to 6,000 active fishermen and their dependents (approximately 24,000) in the northern Jaffna peninsula where fishing is a key economic activity.