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CHAPTER-26

EFFECT OF MOTORIZATION AND MECHANIZATION OF FISHING CRAFT AND GEAR ON THE LIVELIHOOD OF TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN- A CASE STUDY IN KERALA

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Introduction:

Fisheries form one of the most important sectors of Kerala's economy. The State of Kerala is blessed with 590 km long coastline is bordered on the west by the marine flora and fauna rich Arabian Sea. The State has a geographical area of 38,000 sq. km. The continental shelf is narrow and sprawls over an area of about 40,000 sq. km. EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles. The marine resource potential of the State within the continental shelf area is 7.5 lakh tonnes. The territorial limits of the state is about 22 kms from the sea

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