

**Visitor Book Abstract**

#	Date / Farm	Remarks	Name & Address of Visitor
1	<b>9.9.08 Patlikuhl</b>	The visit of Patlikuhl trout farm today was very educative and impressive to me. The maintenance and infrastructure are excellent. The officers and staff of the farm really deserve compliments for up keeping the farm in a nice manner. I wish all the best to the farm and its employees.	<b>Sd/-(Dr. B. Vishnu Bhat), Director, MPEDA, Kochi (India)</b>
2	<b>10.9.08 Patlikuhl</b>	This is the most beautiful part of India I have visited so far and beautiful people. Congratulations on your excellent work on the coldwater fishing, especially trout. The facilities I have visited yesterday are impressive- highlights the positive farming trend in this region. The experience could certainly be shared with the other countries in the region. Personally I look forward to working together in helping the trout farming industry in trade, production- both in the domestic and international markets. Last but not least, thank you very much for your warm hospitality to me and my husband. We look forward to come back here again Inshallah to enjoy this beautiful land and be with beautiful people too. Thank you once again.	<b>Sd/- Fatima Ferdouse Chief Trade Promotion Unit INFOFISH Kaulalampur (Malaysia)</b>
3.	<b>9.9.08 Patlikuhl</b>	I had a first hand knowledge of the coldwater fisheries development in Kullu-Manali areas of HP after visiting the Rainbow trout farm, the hatchery and the private firm today I was really impressed by the excellent manner in which the HP-NORAD project has been executed. I request the state government to replicate this model throughout the state wherever such ventures are feasible. The state Govt. needs to avail of financial assistance from the GOI for this purpose. My special thanks to Dr. Sharma Dir., Mr. Korla and Shri Dogra and above all Mr. Kausal, Secretary for an excellent arrangement logistics and their interest to show us around and explain everything about the details of the project.	<b>Sd/-(Dr. B.N. Nanda) Director (Fisheries) Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India.</b>

4.	<b>10.9.08 Patlikuhl</b>	Frankly speaking my visit to Himachal Pradesh was one of my best tour experiences so far. Friendly people out of this world scenic beauty. I am very impressed with the Himachal Fishery development initiatives-efforts taken by the authority develop trout fishery in particular, in a sustainable eco-friendly manner. Excellent arrangements for our workshop team. I thank the Himachal Secretary & MPEDA for excellent engagements & hospitality INFOFISH will do all in its capacity to further develop Himachal coldwater fisheries. Best of luck.	<b>Sd/- Dr. Subhasinghe, Director INFOFISH Kaulalampur (Malaysia)</b> S.
5	<b>23.10.08 Patlikuhl</b>	I am greatly impressed with the hygiene at the fish farm. The different sectors are well maintained. If all Govt. farms and hatcheries are maintained in this way, they can make good profit in the venture.	<b>Sd/- (Dr. Ramesh Thakur) Consultant American Soya been Association, International Marketing , 1700/4, Gurgaon (HR).</b>
6	<b>23.10.08 Patlikuhl</b>	I am really impressed with the functioning and management of trout fish farm. I am thankful for making my visit to this farm.	<b>Sd/- Dean, COVAS, CSKHKV, Palampur. HP.</b>
7	<b>24.10.08 Patlikuhl</b>	It has been a most educating visit to the largest hatchery of trout in Asia. The dedication of the staff and their enthusiasm is indeed infusing. Our best wishes for their success and growth of their noble venture for the betterment of the Society.	<b>Sd/- Lt. Gen. A.K. Mohanty. Army Training Command Shimla.</b>
8.	<b>13.11.08 Barot</b>	we toured the & got an understanding of the fisheries activities supported by the farm. it is helping rural livelihood & also helping in preserve this rare fish species.	<b>Sd/- Ms. Richa Sharma, IAS, 1994</b>
9	<b>13.11.08 Barot</b>	lovely surroundings and a very helpful project. it is helping the people of the area. The trout is a lovely fish & had an account to see them in real life condition.	<b>Sd/- Mr. Manoj Uhabra, IPS Bregadier Goswami Ur. P. Sani, Delhi</b>
10	<b>30.11.08 Barot</b>	With the book in my hand for my remarks, i have no words to express my happiness at the lovely place in the clouds. the farm is really very nice and under the steward ship of Madam Gupta and her team trout shall be available to us in the future too. my best wishes. tight lines.	<b>Sd/- Mr. Dinesh Butail, Bundla Tea Estates, Palampur (H.P.)</b>

11	<b>30.11.08 Barot</b>	I, alongwith my two A.D's visited this farm on 30th November 2008. Our main intention to have this visit is to educate our own local trout farmers of this state. they (farmers) are 34 in strength. The basic knowledge regarding breeding, rearing and culture aspects were given exhaustively by Ms. Richa Gupta, the present F.O. of the farm. This is really a wonderful experience and enjoyed a lot in the farm. The farm has been maintained very beautifully and al the staffs were very cordial and helpful. I really express my deepest gratitude from my bottom of heart to the Govt. of HP and the Department of Fisheries for letting us this wonderful opportunity.	<b>Sd/- Mr. Gyaltsen Bhutia, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Sikkim (Gangtok) (o) 03592202993 (m)094344-87098</b>
12	<b>31.12.08 Pong Dam</b>	I am fortunate to visit Pong Dam. A group of children is learning water sports here & availing the facilities extended by department of Fisheries I am delighted to see this. I am told that approximately 2000 families are earning their livelihood from fishing in the lake. The departmental staff is preparing the children for water sports and fishing. I feel that this department needs further strengthening.	<b>Sd/- Sh. Ramesh Dhawala, Hon'ble Minister Food, Civil Supplies &amp; Consumers, Labour &amp; Employment., Govt. of HP.</b>
13	<b>03.01.09 Ghagus</b>	Fish farm Deoli (Ghagus) is running as breeding farm and doing well in its field. There is rest house of four sets but no Chowkidar, if the provision is made some income can be had. The fishery officer Sh. Vivek Sharma is doing a lot to improve the production; I wish success to the institution.	<b>Sd/- Sh. Ishwar Dass Dhiman, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh</b>
14	<b>23.4.09 Barot</b>	Great fishing and an excellent valley. 21.04.2009 caught a 3lb (Pound) Brown Trout and on 22.04.09 had a nice 2 <sup>1/2</sup> lb trout in the net. Great to see that no dynamiting is taking place on this stream. Thanks to the efforts of Ms Gupta and her staff. Trout fishing has a great future in this river.	<b>Sd/- Capt. H.S. Manshahia C/o Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh</b>
15	<b>04.04.09 Barot</b>	Enjoyed so much the fishing here in Barot. Both the Uhl & Lambadag rivers which have much fun and plenty of fish. So also thank you to the hatchery & its management. As well as the friendly people of the valley.	<b>Sd/- Marco Gozzi, Via- Pescaria-Beream, Italy.</b>
16	<b>27.05.09 Patlikuhl</b>	It is a meaningful visit to Patlikuhl Govt. Trout Farm. The maintenance & operation of the farm is a right step to enhance India's effort to produce more food with nutrition security. We came here for providing technical support for setting up a trout processing unit. I am sure with the joint effort if we (CIFT, Cochin) and this model trout hatchery & farm there will be a boom in trout production, processing and supply not only in India but also to global	<b>Sd/- Dr. M.K. Mukundan, Joint Director, CIFT, Cochin-29</b>

		market. I wish this farm 9 bright future.	
17	<b>27.05.09 Patlikuhl</b>	It always has been great pleasure and honour for me to visit this trout farm at Patlikuhl. The outstanding work being done here by Dr. Dogra under the guidance of Dr. B.D. Sharma, Director Fisheries, HP is praiseworthy and commendable. I am very much delighted to see Arctic Char and its propagation and disposal in this country is going to be very incited and achievement for coldwater sector. The trout production and feed production process is being done scientifically and going to prosper in future. I had very good discussion with Dr. Sharma & Dr. Dogra for future expansion and value addition. Wish to come here again & again. My best possible wishes for the future progress of this farm and pay any praise for the excellent work.	<b>Sd/- Dr. Madan Mohan, Principal Scientist, DCFR, Bhimtal.</b>
18	<b>23.05.09 Barot</b>	An exciting experience to travel to this place all the way through steep hilly roads and indeed to visit this farm. I was highly enlightened to hear about this trout farm at Dharamshala. The maintenance of this fish farm is found to be at its peak. Ms. Gupta and her assisting staff are very courteous and sweet heartened. I wish I may again visit this farm and enjoy angling in this valley. Thanks	<b>Ismail Ali Durga, Dy. Director Fisheries (Retd.) Govt. of Rajasthan, Udaipur. 09829996933.</b>
19.	<b>01-08-09 Patlikuhl</b>	The visit to this centre was extremely pleasing experience. Trout is well maintained and also all the farms are kept in good condition maintaining high standard with quality. The staff hard working and of very pleasing behavior. They need support to enhance production and processing facilities. Wish good luck to the farm.	<b>Dr. K. Gopakumar, DDG (Fish) Rtd. 28/947 CP Road Kadaranthra, Kochin- 682020</b>
20.	<b>01-08-09 Patlikuhl</b>	The visit to Patlikuhl farm during 31 <sup>st</sup> July- 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2009 was a learning experience. I was greatly impressed with the structure, maintenance and management of the farm. Every bit of the farm including the fish stocks are in an excellent condition. Being grateful to the government of Himachal Pradesh and Sh. B.D. Sharma, Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh for the visit. I would like to complement Sh. R.P. Dogra, Deputy Director of Fisheries, and incharge of the farm and the staff members for their exemplary management, courtesy and assistance extended to us. My best wishes in all the endeavors.	<b>S. Ayyapan, DDG (Fisheries) ICAR, New Delhi</b>

21.	<b>01-08-09 Patlikuhl</b>	My second visit to INTFP is exciting it is very much refreshing to visit this centre at Patlikuhl is mind blowing. Excellent management of trout farming associated with farming communities is a glaring example in the country what we can do in government sector also. My association with Mr. Sharma, Director and Mr. Dogra, Deputy Director of Fisheries, particularly DCFR is very useful and hope to carry the example to other hill states. It is simply not appreciation but many more beyond expression. All the good wishes and future cooperation looking into.	<b>Dr. P.C. Mahanta, Director, DCFR (ICAR) Bhimtal</b>
22.	<b>14.09.09 Barot</b>	The fishing in Barot is really picking up after many years. In the last two trips have got brown trout over 1 kg in the rivers. The fish farm is really doing well. It is one of the best functioning, fish farms in the country and one of the most well maintained and the best manned in Himachal. Ms. Richa Gupta is doing a commendable job.	<b>Atul Bimbhat Holta Tea Estate Palampur Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.</b>
23.	<b>26.09.09 Barot</b>	There are trophy size fish here nowhere to be found in India. We have a jewel in our country and it is our duty to protect the heritage. The Barot Fishery and the people of Barot deserve due recognition. We believe that no Power Plants should be allowed to flourish here. Please Do Not Issue Permission to These People Who Wish to Setup Projects. They will provide power for only 3 months and then they have to shut down. The money and lies that the Projects propose is Not Worth The Loss. Please keep the valley intact.	<b>Zoravar Singh Sandhu, Arozepal Singh Sandhu, Amit Mital, Delhi</b>