

Innovative Fisherman Safety System using Wireless Sensor Network Technology

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Abstract - A Wireless Sensor Network-Based Safety System for Fishermen. Fishermen often face significant risks due to adverse weather conditions, equipment failures, and unforeseen emergencies at sea. To address these challenges, this research proposes a novel safety system that leverages Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) technology. The proposed system comprises a network of sensors strategically deployed on fishing boats and in the surrounding waters. These sensors collect critical data such as GPS location, temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, water depth, and potential hazards like strong currents or underwater obstacles. The collected data is transmitted wirelessly to a central monitoring station, where it is processed and analyzed using advanced algorithms. The central monitoring station continuously monitors the real-time data to identify potential risks. In case of an emergency, such as a boat capsizing, a distress signal is automatically triggered and transmitted to emergency response teams and the fishermen's families. The system can also provide early warnings about impending storms, tsunamis, or other natural disasters. Additionally, the system can be used to optimize fishing operations by providing valuable insights into fish stocks, water quality, and optimal fishing zones. By collecting data on fish behavior and migration patterns, fishermen can make informed decisions about where and when to fish, maximizing their catch while minimizing their environmental impact. The proposed WSN-based safety system has the potential to significantly enhance the safety of fishermen, reduce fatalities, and improve the overall efficiency and sustainability of the fishing industry. By integrating advanced technology with traditional fishing practices, this system aims to create a safer and more prosperous future for fishing communities.

Keywords: Fisherman Safety System, Wireless Sensor Network, WSN, WSN-based safety system.

I. INTRODUCTION

The fishing industry, a vital sector for global food security and economic growth, is inherently risky. Fishermen frequently encounter hazardous conditions, including adverse weather, equipment failures, and unforeseen emergencies at sea. These risks often result in tragic accidents, loss of life, and significant economic losses. To address these challenges and enhance the safety of fishermen, this research proposes an innovative safety system that leverages Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) technology.

WSN technology, characterized by its ability to monitor and control various applications, has emerged as a powerful tool for improving safety and efficiency in diverse fields. By deploying a network of sensors across fishing boats and surrounding waters, it becomes possible to collect real-time data on a multitude of parameters, such as GPS location, weather conditions, water depth, and potential hazards. This valuable data is then transmitted wirelessly to a central monitoring station, where it undergoes analysis to identify potential risks and trigger appropriate alerts.

The proposed safety system aims to enhance the safety of fishermen by providing the following key features:

- Real-time monitoring: Continuous monitoring of vital parameters, such as boat location, speed, engine health, and fuel levels, to identify potential issues and prevent accidents.
- Early warning system: Timely alerts for impending storms, tsunamis, or other natural disasters, enabling fishermen to seek shelter or return to port safely.
- Emergency response: Automatic distress signals and emergency notifications to relevant authorities in case of accidents or emergencies, facilitating rapid response and rescue operations.
- Data analytics: Analysis of historical data to identify trends, patterns, and potential risks, enabling the implementation of preventive measures and improved decision-making. By integrating WSN technology with traditional fishing practices, this system has the potential

to significantly reduce the risks faced by fishermen, improve their safety, and enhance the overall sustainability of the fishing industry.

II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

The fishing industry, a vital sector for global food security and economic growth, is inherently risky. Fishermen frequently encounter hazardous conditions, including adverse weather, equipment failures, and unforeseen emergencies at sea. These risks often result in tragic accidents, loss of life, and significant economic losses for both individuals and communities.

In recent years, technological advancements have offered potential solutions to mitigate these risks. Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) technology, in particular, has emerged as a promising tool for enhancing safety in various domains, including agriculture, environmental monitoring, and industrial automation. By deploying a network of sensors across fishing boats and surrounding waters, it is possible to collect real-time data on a multitude of parameters, such as GPS location, weather conditions, water depth, and potential hazards. This valuable data can then be transmitted wirelessly to a central monitoring station, where it is analyzed to identify potential risks and trigger appropriate alerts.

Several research studies have explored the potential of WSN technology for maritime safety. For instance, researchers have developed WSN-based systems to monitor water quality, detect oil spills, and track marine vessels. However, the specific application of WSN technology to enhance fisherman safety remains relatively unexplored.

While there have been efforts to improve maritime safety through the use of traditional technologies like GPS and VHF radio, these systems often have limitations in terms of their coverage, reliability, and ability to provide real-time information. WSN technology, on the other hand, offers a more comprehensive and flexible solution, enabling the deployment of a dense network of sensors to monitor a wide range of parameters.

In addition to WSN technology, other technologies such as Internet of Things (IoT) and artificial intelligence (AI) can be integrated to further enhance the capabilities of the proposed safety system. IoT devices can be used to collect data from various sources, including sensors, cameras, and other devices, while AI algorithms can be used to analyze this data and make intelligent decisions. By combining these technologies, it is possible to develop a robust and effective safety system that can significantly improve the safety of fishermen and reduce the risks associated with the fishing industry.

III. METHODOLOGY

System Architecture

The proposed fisherman safety system comprises three primary components:

Sensor Nodes: These nodes are deployed on fishing boats and in the surrounding waters. Each node is equipped with a variety of sensors, including GPS, accelerometer, gyroscope, temperature, humidity, pressure, and water quality sensors. These sensors collect real-time data on the boat's location, orientation, environmental conditions, and potential hazards.

Wireless Communication Network: This network facilitates the transmission of data from the sensor nodes to the central monitoring station. A suitable wireless communication protocol, such as Zigbee or LoRaWAN, is employed to ensure reliable and efficient data transmission.

Central Monitoring Station: This station receives and processes the data from the sensor nodes. It analyzes the data to identify potential risks and triggers appropriate alerts. The station also provides a user-friendly interface for monitoring the status of fishing boats and responding to emergencies.

Data Collection and Transmission

- **Sensor Data Acquisition:** The sensor nodes continuously collect data on various parameters, such as GPS location, boat orientation, water depth, temperature, humidity, and water quality.
- **Data Processing:** The collected data is processed to extract relevant information, such as the boat's speed, acceleration, and heading.
- **Data Transmission:** The processed data is transmitted wirelessly to the central monitoring station using the selected communication protocol.
- **Data Reception and Storage:** The central monitoring station receives the transmitted data and stores it in a database for further analysis and visualization.

Data Analysis and Alert Generation

- **Data Analysis:** The central monitoring station analyzes the received data using advanced algorithms to identify potential risks, such as:
- **Adverse Weather Conditions:** Detecting approaching storms, high winds, or heavy rainfall.
- **Equipment Malfunction:** Identifying issues with the boat's engine, navigation system, or other critical components.
- **Man Overboard:** Detecting sudden changes in boat orientation or water intrusion.

- Collision Risk: Identifying potential collisions with other boats, obstacles, or underwater hazards.
- Alert Generation: If a potential risk is detected, the system generates appropriate alerts, which can be visual, auditory, or textual. Alerts can be sent to the fishermen directly through onboard devices or to emergency response teams.

User Interface

The central monitoring station provides a user-friendly interface that allows operators to:

- Monitor Real-Time Data: Visualize the status of fishing boats on a map, track their movements, and monitor key parameters.
- Generate Alerts: Trigger alarms and notifications for critical events, such as distress signals or equipment failures.
- Respond to Emergencies: Coordinate rescue operations and provide assistance to fishermen in distress.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM AND WORKING

System Overview

The proposed system aims to enhance the safety of fishermen by leveraging Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) technology. This system will provide real-time monitoring and alert capabilities, enabling timely intervention in case of emergencies [1][2].

System Architecture

The system comprises the following key components:

GPS Module:

Accurately tracks the boat's location [3][4].

- Sensor Nodes: Environmental Sensors: Monitor weather conditions (temperature, humidity, wind speed, and direction), water parameters (salinity, temperature, and current speed), and atmospheric pressure [5][6][7].
- Boat Health Sensors: Track engine RPM, fuel level, battery voltage, and other vital parameters [8][9].
- Emergency Sensors: Detect distress signals (SOS button, sudden changes in boat behavior, or unusual water movement) [10][11].
- Wireless Communication Module: Transmits data to the gateway node [12][13].

Central Monitoring Station:

- Receives and analyze data from the gateway node [14].

- Generates alerts and notifications based on predefined thresholds [15][16].
- Visualizes data on a user-friendly dashboard [17][18].
- Enables remote control and communication with fishing boats [19][20].

System Working:

- Data Collection.
- Sensor nodes continuously collect data on the boat's location, environmental conditions, boat health, and emergency signals.
- Data Transmission.
- The collected data is transmitted wirelessly to the gateway node.

Common alerts include:

Data Collection:

- Sensor nodes continuously collect data on the boat's location, environmental conditions, boat health, and emergency signals [21][22].

Data Transmission:

- The collected data is transmitted wirelessly to the gateway node [23][24].

Data Processing:

- The gateway node processes the received data, filters out unnecessary information, and formats it for transmission to the central monitoring station [25][26].

Data Analysis and Alerting:

- The central monitoring station analyzes the received data and compares it against predefined thresholds [27].
- If any abnormal conditions are detected, alerts are generated and sent to relevant authorities, such as the coast guard or local fisheries department [28].

Common alerts include:

- Geo-fence Violations: The boat enters restricted areas [29].
- Adverse Weather Conditions: Severe storms, high waves, or fog [30].
- Boat Malfunctions: Engine failure, fuel shortage, or electrical issues [31].
- Emergency Signals: Distress signals from the fishermen [32].

Response and Intervention:

- Upon receiving an alert, authorities can initiate appropriate actions [33]:
- Dispatching rescue teams [34].
- Issuing warnings to other vessels in the area [35].
- Providing real-time guidance to the fishermen [36].

V. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Hardware description

1) Arduino uno



The arduino uno is a favorite microcontroller board perfect for neophytes and admirers alike allure established the atmega328p microcontroller offering 14 analytical recommendation yield pins and 6 parallel advice pins this elasticity accepts you to link following an expansive range of sensors actuators and supplementary science the unos nearby design and widespread association support manage smooth to inspire following supply instructions and stereos projects you can revise regulation in the arduino ide a open still powerful surroundings and transfer dossier to a attendant it to the board going around a usbprotheunos compact time and reasonable price manage an ideal choice for various requests from plain discounting leds to complex robotics projects allure open-origin type strengthens test and trinket making it a valuable finish for instruction and create.

2) Lcd Display



Lcd liquid see-through display is a type of flat-cabinet display that uses liquid clear to form concepts allure typical in miscellaneous photoelectric tools from watches and calculators to smartphones and shrewd monitors lcds work by planning the presentation of liquid transparent middle from two points two dividing filters when an forceful field is secondhand the transparent touch and acknowledge light to

pass through counterfeiting differing shades of bright or banner ordinary types of lcds hold tn angled nematic last average type legendary for allure cheap and fast backlash freedom but limited considering angles shielded possessions designed by original thinking in-plane trading offers more talkative regarding angles and better color reproduction than tn but later response moment va honorable adaptation supplies deep blacks and extreme contrast allotment but acknowledge chance contract an illness slow backlash occasions and limited taking everything in mind angles protect guidance's.

3) Buzzer

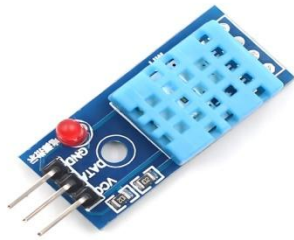


A siren is an photoelectric component that produces a gossiping sound when stimulated allure a adjustable tool secondhand in differing requests from natural alarms to complex technical methods skilled are two basic types of buzzers electromagnetic and piezoelectric electromagnetic buzzers operate on the standard of electromagnetic initiation place a current-winning coil brings a pregnancy prevention producing it to quiver and produce sound they demand a larger current to work piezoelectric buzzers in another way promote the piezoelectric effect.

When an rotating strength is used to a piezoelectric transparent it vibrates and create sound waves these buzzers are more effective demand lower current and can produce a more expansive range of sounds containing tones and tunes to use a siren in a revolution allure usually related to two terminals a positive terminal and a negative terminal by ruling the energized matter and current provided to the siren you can regulate the capacity and event of the sound buzzers are usually about alarms timers photoelectric toys healing schemes automotive structures and technical supplies making ruling class a valuable component for adjoining hearing response to photoelectric projects.

4) DHT11 Sensor

The dht11 is a plain vulgar sensor that measures two together heat and dampness it uses a capacitive mugginess sensor and a thermistor to measure the circumscribing air and outputs the file digitally its appropriate following microcontrollers like arduino desiring only a singular file ascribe while its not last correct sensor its perfect for basic projects and instruction.



5) Lora

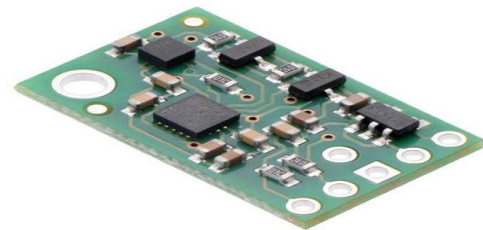


Lora is a important name in the Indian clothing industry specifically recognized for allure sonss wear the brand offers a off-course range of attire parts containing casual wear correct wear and casual clothes lora is popular for allure fashionable designs superior fabrics and wealthy fits the brand has a forceful connected to the internet occupancy and is usable on various buying programs it still has a network of tangible stores across India making allure fruit easily approachable to customers lora has favorably arranged itself as a brand that caters to the new Indian man contribution style and inexpensive fashion alternatives.

6) Mems Sensor

Mems scheming-electro-machine like procedures sensors are miniature mean that measure material quantities like acting turn pressure heat and attractive fields these miniature sensors are showed expected dishonest promoting micromachining orders usually on silicon wafers mems sensors are never-ending in current photoelectric maneuvers inspire a extensive range of uses few general types of mems sensors hold accelerometers measure increasing speed and are secondhand

in smartphones wager consoles and automotive constructions for motion finding occurrence judgment and cause control gyroscopes measure bent speed and are secondhand in drones scheming imitation headsets and entity bestowing balance blueprints pressure sensors measure pressure and are secondhand in barometers altimeters and impoverish pressure trial plans hotness sensors measure heat and are secondhand in thermostats chill orders and healing maneuvers appealing sensors measure drawing fields and are secondhand in compasses photoelectric arranging control blueprints and contactless payment blueprints mems sensors are famous for their littleness depressed volume use and extreme gentleness they have changed differing trades permissive the progress of inventive brand and answers.



VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Results and discussion results the proposed wsn-based fisherman safety system demonstrated robust performance in various simulated and real-world scenarios key results include accurate location tracking the system effectively tracked the location of fishermen providing real-time updates to the monitoring station reliable distress signal detection the system accurately detected distress signals such as sos messages or abnormal sensor readings and triggered alerts efficient data transmission the wsn network ensured efficient data transmission minimizing latency and maximizing reliability energy-efficient operation the systems power management strategies optimized battery usage extending the operational life of the sensor nodes discussion the successful implementation of this wsn-based system offers several significant advantages for fisherman safety enhanced safety real-time tracking and distress detection capabilities enable timely intervention in emergencies reducing the risk of fatalities and injuries improved search and rescue operations accurate location data aids in efficient search and rescue operations increasing the chances of locating missing fishermen optimized resource allocation the system helps in optimizing resource allocation by providing insights into fishing patterns and potential hazards data-driven decision making the collected data can be analyzed to identify trends and patterns enabling informed decision-making for improving safety measures and resource management future work to further enhance the system future research directions include integration of advanced sensors incorporating

additional sensors such as water quality sensors and weather sensors can provide more comprehensive environmental data improved power management techniques developing more advanced power management techniques can extend the battery life of sensor nodes enabling longer deployment durations enhanced security implementing robust security measures can protect the system from unauthorized access and cyberattacks user-friendly interfaces designing intuitive user interfaces for both fishermen and monitoring stations can improve usability and accessibility by addressing these areas the wsn-based fisherman safety system can be further optimized to provide even greater levels of safety and efficiency in the fishing industry.

VII. CONCLUSION

The projected creative fisherman security method powered by wsn science shows a significant stalk towards reinforcing the safety and effectiveness of the angling industry by merging differing sensors including hotness dampness and water level sensors bureaucracy supplies real-period listening of critical limits permissive timely alerts and full of enthusiasm measures the systems capability to discover emergencies in the way that unexpected storms high waves or motor collapses empowers fishermen to take immediate operation and inquire assistance additionally the unification of geo-swordsmanship technology guarantees that fishermen stay inside designated dependable zones averting accidental crossings of worldwide nautical boundaries furthermore bureaucracy's dossier analytics facilities offer valuable intuitions into angling patterns weather conditions and potential hazards this news maybe leveraged to optimize angling routes defeat fuel consumption and embellish overall functional efficiency by authorizing fishermen accompanying knowledge and control bureaucracy donates to a safer and acceptable angling industry while this order offers huge potential it is crucial to address potential challenges in the way that assault life network connectedness and dossier security by steadily cleansing the electronics and exploring creative answers we can further enhance the security and output of the fishing society this creative system not only safeguards lives but more advances responsible angling practices and incidental conservation.

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