



LANDMARKS OR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Chinese fishing nets / Vasco da Gama Square

Huge cantilevered nets, lowered and hauled by hand, worked by small teams.

ADDRESS

ABOUT

The Chinese fishing nets stand on the waterfront at Vasco da Gama Square in Fort Kochi. Each net is a wooden cantilever at least 10 metres high. One arm holds a net over the water, and stone weights on ropes balance it from the other side. A small crew works each net. They lower the net into the water and haul it back up by rope. Eleven nets remain, down from around twenty, a local councillor said in 2025. In November 2025 a wooden platform gave way and seven people fell into the backwaters.

THE FULL PAGE

catsofkochi.com/places/chinese-fishing-nets

Opening hours, a map and 4 photographs.

Reading this on paper? Go to catsofkochi.com and search for Chinese fishing nets / Vasco da Gama Square.

Join our WhatsApp Channel

Ashwin Kumar, 2015, via Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 2.0. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors.