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CMFRI trains officials from Bangladesh

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THE Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has extended cooperation with the Bangladesh Government by imparting training to fisheries officials from the latter on methods of stock assessment of tropical fishes. Technical guidance was provided on the subject as per recommendations of India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cooperation in the Field of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

In the session, organised in association with the 'Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO),' CMFRI imparted training to a 12-member team, including middle-level officials of Bangladesh Fisheries Department, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute and Institute of Marine Science and Fisheries. The team was trained at CMFRI headquarters in Kochi. Various statistical tools, software and applications were used for assessment of fish stock and data collection. The concept of genetic stock characterisation using molecular markers and its relevance on stock assessment were also dealt with.

In addition, the officials were allowed a fishing experience onboard CMFRI's fishing vessel FV Silver Pompano. "The training was organised to help Bangladesh develop manpower and expertise in marine fish stock assessment, and encourage research in the area," said CMFRI director A Gopalakrishnan. CMFRI principal scientists Abdussamad E M, Somy Kuriakose and Shoba Joe Kizhakudan led various sessions.