

CMFRI SUBMITS FISH STATUS REPORT

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The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), the largest fisheries research body in the country functioning under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has submitted the Country Status Report (CSR) about the impact of climate change on coastal fisheries and aquaculture sector in India.

The report was presented in a meeting between SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) and representatives from SAARC nations during a video conference convened by the SAC. A three-member team headed by CMFRI Director Dr A. Gopalakrishnan represented India in the conference. Team India presented the report which included the details of issues and challenges being developed owing to the climate change in the coastal fisheries and aqua-

culture sector in India.

The CSR exposed disruptions due to climate change in areas such as marine ecosystem, fish stock, harvesting sector, aquaculture, market and trade etc. The present condition of fishing communities was also included in the report.

The meeting prioritized developing collaborative and comprehensive efforts

to address climate vulnerabilities and commissioning of SAARC level task-force to formulate strategies to mitigate climate change impacts. Conduct of awareness programmes on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expansion of open sea cage farming and pen culture in coastal water bodies were also listed as major recommendations.