

Minister seeks support of CMFRI to implement Aquarian Reforms

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Kerala government today sought the support of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to implement the much coveted Aquarian Reforms Policy in Kerala.

[Kerala Finance](#) Minister Thomas Issac said the [government](#) would be ready to consider the inputs from the scientific community in this regard.

"The State [government](#) will consider the proposals being submitted by the CMFRI on adequate technologies, fishing methods, regulations and ownership rights of fisher folks in order to bring in the Aquarian Reforms in Kerala", he said.

Issac was speaking at a meeting with the CMFRI Director and Heads of the Divisions.

Sustainable management practices were required to save the fisheries sector, he said, adding, that the [government](#) was hopeful to implement the reform policy in Kerala. "The [government](#) wants to formulate the policy by laying emphasis on the practical aspects to implement it effectively", he said.

Issac lauded the CMFRI for its efforts to prepare the draft mariculture policy in the country.

He also said that scientists should focus on value added productions from the aquatic species.

"Emulating the success model of clam fishery in Ashtamudi lake which got Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification, similar initiative should be taken by the CMFRI in the case of clam fishery in Vembanadu lake", the minister said.

The [government](#) would extend full support for research works meant for upgrading the socio-economic status of fisher folks in the State, he added.