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CMFRI to draft action plan for sustainable ocean wealth

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The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute is collaborating with the World Wildlife Fund-India to draft a national-level action plan for the sustainable management of marine and coastal ecosystems on the directive of the NITI Aayog.

CMFRI will take the lead role in formulating management strategies for strengthening the ocean ecosystems.

NITI Aayog, CMFRI and WWF-India will jointly organise a two-day session of marine biologists, environmentalists, technocrats, fisheries experts and senior officials of fisheries departments from all the maritime states on July 4 and 5 at the CMFRI.

The draft action plan will

be finalised at the meet. CMFRI Director A Gopalakrishnan said experts from various sectors would identify the ways and means for the protection of ocean wealth in a long-term view and the draft action plan will be circulated among the stakeholders for feedback.

The action plan for sustainable marine ecosystem management will identify ways and means to empower the existing small-scale fisheries in the country, to identify various sustainable practices and inclusive models for the protection of marine ecosystem, to end illegal and harmful fishing practices, to prevent marine pollution and to secure livelihoods of fisher communities, he added.