Kochi: The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has successfully developed the seed production technology of Indian pompano (Trachinotus moskalee) that has high commercial value both in domestic and international markets.

Indian pompano (locally known as Avoli Vatta) is the most suitable species for cage culture considering its fast growth rate, easy adaptability to culture conditions, quick acceptance of artificial feed, good meat quality and high consumer preference.

“This is the first report of successful mass-scale seed production of Indian pompano in the world,” said A. Gopalakrishnan, director, CMFRI.

Breeding and seed production technology of the species was developed at the Visakhapatnam Regional Centre of CMFRI after two years of research.