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ICAR-CMFRI holds meet on fisher's perception of vulnerability to climate change

13th December 2017, Tuticorin

In order to understand the impact of climate change on the coastal environment, marine fisheries and socio economic life of fisher folks in Thoothukudi District in Tamil Nadu from their own perception and observation, the Tuticorin Research Centre of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute organised a fishermen meet on 13th December 2017.

The meet titled 'Fishers perception of vulnerability to climate change and its adaptation strategies for the coastal villages of Thoothukudi was organised under the National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project.

Thirumathi Bala Saraswathi, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Thoothukudi District, in her inaugural address said that the technical support extended by the TRC of ICAR-CMFRI for the cage culture, Integrated Multi-trophic Aquaculture (IMTA), cage construction, erection and sea cage farming of sea bass, cobia lobsters etc., under FIMSUL projects of State Fisheries Department, Tamil Nadu really helped the fishermen to get alternate income.

A handbook, specially prepared for the fishermen, on Integrated Multi-trophic Aquaculture in Tamil was released on the occasion.

A total of 52 fishermen from 15 villages participated in the meet.

The fishermen actively participated in the vulnerability resource mapping that are meant to indicate the status of different resources such as mangroves, seagrass, coral reefs, fish farming etc., natural calamities, environmental changes, anthropogenic activities and industrial development occurred over the years to the present time in the respective villages.

Representatives from different coastal villages presented the visible changes occurred in their respective villages owing to climate change and its effect on fisheries, sea level raise, sea surface temperature, sea inundation and livelihood.

(Source: ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute)

