

**03 May 2018**

## **Maharashtra seeks technical support from CMFRI**

The Maharashtra Government has sought technical support from the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute for starting large-scale cage fish farming ventures.

It also wanted CMFRI to provide technical support for setting up backyard hatchery units of cobia and silver pompano and for oyster and mussel farming.

---

At a meeting held at CMFRI headquarters here, Deepak Kesarkar, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Home (Rural), Maharashtra, has requested the authorities to provide technical guidance to launch 500 cage fish farming units at the brackish water resources of Sindhudurg, a coastal district.

The government, he said, would provide financial support to implement a suitable cage farming model.

“The cage farming models being implemented by CMFRI in Pizhala in Ernakulam district and in various parts of Mangaluru are highly successful. Maharashtra government is much eager to emulate such models in Sindhudurg too as a better livelihood option for the coastal people,” Kesarkar said.

Leena Bansod, Joint Managing Director of Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Corporation, along with the Minister visited the cage farming sites.