

## CMFRI launches project on cage fish farming at Nettoor

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**Kochi:** The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has launched a project that would implement 500 cage fish farming units in the state on Wednesday.

The project was launched at Nettoor in Ernakulam district by stocking 1,500 and 500 each fingerling of seabass and pearlspot respectively into four cages. Sree Badra Kudumbasree unit comprising 10 members is carrying out the farming at Nettoor.

Supported by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in Hyderabad, the project envisions subsidy and technical support to the farmers to conduct cage fish farming across the coastal districts in the state. According to the programme, 40% of the total expense will be given as subsidy to the farmers who can

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conduct farming individually or in groups. Women and those from the SC/ST category will get 60% subsidy

CMFRI would be implementing 1,000 cage fish farming units in Kerala and Karnataka with the financial support of the NFDB, CMFRI director Dr A Gopalakrishnan said during the launch of the project. "The programme is aimed at improving the living standards of those living in the coastal regions of the state, besides ensuring the availability of quality and fresh fish across

the state," he said.

"Cage fish farming units will be set up in the coastal regions in Ernakulam, Thrissur, Alappuzha, Kollam, Kannur, Malappuram and Kozhikode in coming days. Species such as sea bass, pearlspot, cobia, pompano and red snapper will be selected for the farming accordingly," he said.

The CMFRI team selected the farmers among the applications received after reviewing the spot and various conditions of the water resources.

It will provide training in cage fish farming to the fishermen who have registered with Kerala Fishermen's Welfare Fund Board. The training is for 100 fishermen in two batches from September 24 - 29 at CMFRI. The training will cover the areas such as cage fabrication, site selection, seed selection, feed management, harvest, etc.