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Afro-Asian team visits Munambam



The visit was organized as part of a workshop held by the CMFRI

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Kochi: A team of fisheries officials from 10 member countries of African Asian Rural Development Organization (Aardo) visited Munambam fishing harbour on Friday. The visit was organized as part of an international 15-day workshop being organised by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) with the support of Aardo.

Diversified fish varieties, heaps of fishes for fish feed mills, a giant-sized bull shark accidentally caught in a trawl net and active auctioneers doing brisk business drew their attention at the harbour.

The team, which includes officials from Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Morocco, Zambia, Malawi, Mauritius, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, were keen to understand the market operations and were surprised by the huge quantity of fishes going for the fishmeal plants. They also showed interest in identifying the most sought after fish varieties for domestic and overseas markets. The team was also enthused by the role being played by

fish auctioneers in the fish market value chain.

Eager to understand the scientific methods of estimation of fish landings, the overseas officials keenly observed the CMFRI officials while they took landing samples using the stratified multi-stage random sampling method. A team of CMFRI researchers and fisher folks in the harbour helped them to learn in detail about the activities in the harbour and the fish landing at the harbour.

The workshop is aimed at imparting training on a range of topics such as marine fisheries assessment, fish stock estimation, marine fisheries environment, impact of climate change on fisheries, responsible fisheries and maricultural activities like cage farming, along with practical sessions. They will be provided with an opportunity to visit the regional research centres of the CMFRI located at Mandapam and Vizhinjam.

The programme is part of an international collaboration between the ministry of rural development, government of India and the Aardo.