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A bumper fish harvest for Christmas

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Fish farmers belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities at Nettoor and Ezhikkara in the district had a bumper harvest of pearl spot (karimeen) and tilapia through cage farming just in time for Christmas and the

New Year. The eight-month-long cage farming was carried out under the schemes, SCSP and TSP, of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

'Sreedevi' self-help group, which includes 22 ST families in Thandassery Colony in Nettoor, harvested a yield of 600 kg of pearl spot and

1,300 kg of tilapia from as many as four cages. While pearl spot attained a growth of an average 300g, tilapia got an average weight of 650g.

Five SC families benefited from cage farming carried out in Ezhikkara as they managed to harvest 250 kg of tilapia from one cage.