

Successful breeding and seed production of blackfinned anemonefish at Vizhinjam RC

Black finned anemone fish or Maldives anemone fish-*Amphiprion nigripes* is a native species of Western Indian Ocean and has good demand for fish hobbyists throughout the world. The demand is mostly met from the wild collections which are threatening the wild stock and habitat. Brood stock of *Amphiprion nigripes* was successfully developed at Vizhinjam RC of CMFRI. The fecundity ranged from 400 to 600 per egg clutch.



Amphiprion nigripes

Survival of the larvae ranged between 60 to 80 % during the first 30 days. Production has started in commercial quantities at Vizhinjam Centre.

Broodstock of seven species of clown fishes are being maintained in hatchery.

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