

Survey and site selection for deployment of Artificial Reefs in two districts of Tamil Nadu



Sea survey for site selection off Goonankuppam

As part of a Consultancy project taken up by the Madras Research Centre of CMFRI, for the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. (A Government of Tamil Nadu undertaking), sea survey and site selection for deployment of artificial reefs off Goonankuppam village in Thiruvallur District and Kovalam Village in Kancheepuram District, were

completed during July-August by a team of Scientists, Technical Officers and Divers of Madras and Tuticorin Research Centres of CMFRI, during July-August 2011. A series of fishermen meets were conducted as a prelude to this in both villages to create a platform for interaction between the fisherfolk and the Scientists on issues regarding deployment of artificial reefs in nearshore waters.

The project is part of a "Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme" (PTSLLP) being run by the TNCDW with assistance from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The project is to be completed in two parts - Part I (Sea survey and site selection) and Part II (Performance analysis and impact assessment).

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Fishermen meet at Kovalam village



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