

# Veraval RC organises training cum exposure visit for 'Sidi' Adivasi Tribes of Gujarat on Open Sea Cage Culture

Sidi' is a Primitive Tribal community in Gujarat, having their ancestral lineage to Africa, residing mainly in the Talala and Veraval Talukas of Junagadh District. The CMFRI, through the Regional Centre, Veraval have taken up "Establishment of Sea cage Farm for the Tribals" under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds of the Institute during 2012-13, as a livelihood development programme for the tribal community. As part of capacity building of members of the 'Sidi' tribe of Gujarat on open sea mariculture practices, the Veraval RC organised a 21 days training programme with national level exposure visit from 24.07.2012 to 08.08.2012 under the TSP (HRD)-2012. Selected 12 nos of tribals participated in this programme to understand the basics of sea cage farming and for a hands on experience on various aspects of sea cage farming starting from site selection, cage materials and quality, cage



Sidi tribes' on hands-on -training in Karwar farm

fabrication, farm management at different Centres of CMFRI. After the initial orientation and basic knowledge development at Veraval Centre, they were taken to the major mariculture centres of CMFRI at Karwar, Mandapam, Chennai and CMFRI H.Q.,

Kochi for first hand experience on the cage farming aspects and detailed interaction with the experts in the field in these Centres. A glimpse on their visit to these facilities of CMFRI is provided here below.