

ICAR-CMFRI kick-starts sea ranching project under PMMSY



Mannar, 17 February 2022. The Mandapam Regional Centre of ICAR- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has kick-started a sea ranching project under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' by releasing a total of 1.38 million green tiger shrimp (*Penaeus semisulcatus*) seeds in the Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu. The shrimp seeds were sea ranched at Vedalai in the sea grass beds of the Gulf of Mannar

on 17 February 2022. The sea-ranching is a regular initiative by the Institute.

The project entitled 'Sea ranching of Green tiger shrimp (*Penaeus semisulcatus*) Post Larvae (PL) in Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu' was sanctioned by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India to the

ICAR-CMFRI under Central Sector Scheme component of the PMMSY with a total budget of ₹ 168.948 lakhs. The project aims to release a total of 200 million green tiger shrimp post larvae in a period of 4 years in the Palk Bay and the Gulf of Mannar region of Tamil Nadu.

The Mandapam Regional Centre of ICAR-CMFRI is carrying out the sea ranching of hatchery produced green tiger shrimp seeds in the region to replenish the natural stock and to enhance the shrimp productivity. This was helpful to promote the livelihood of the

fishermen in the region and also for the conservation and in maintaining a sustainable shrimp stock in the wild. During the period from 2017 to 2021, a total of 17.245 million seeds were released in this region.

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