

# Experts discuss scope of GM crops in aquaculture

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Fisheries and biotechnology experts emphasised the need to bust myths associated with the use of genetically modified (GM) crops as feed ingredients in India's aquaculture sector.

The scientists are of the view that GM crop-based products (mainly non-living GM organisms) have huge scope in enhancing the supply of feed ingredients in aquaculture, promoting growth, disease resistance, and reduction of input costs.

They were speaking at an awareness workshop on the use of GM crops and their derivatives for the aqua-feed sector, organised by Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) in association with ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, said a press release here.

## **Boosting yield**

BCIL chief general manager Vibha Ahuja said GM crops came with several desirable traits such as insect and disease resistance and herbicide tolerance and using them would be beneficial to boost yield.