

# Workshop on Advancements in Research for Marine Mammal Conservation in India

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10.30 AM – 01:00 PM

Hotel Le Méridien, Kochi,  
Kerala, India (Shani 1 hall)

## XVI AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CONGRESS & ASC EXPO

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Hosted by ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi



## Context

The value of setting research and science-based priorities for conservation of marine mammals has been emphasized in India in the last few years. Results from prioritized research agenda is essential to provide timely, accurate, and cost-effective advice to managers on status and trends of marine mammal populations. Research needs to be directed towards providing fundamental baseline information on marine mammal populations and their ecosystems, in addition to assessing the impacts and risks posed by human activities such as fishing, pollution, habitat degradation and climate change. The need to maintain and strengthen stranding programmes in order to provide data on numbers and causes of marine mammal deaths; patterns of strandings, diseases, and health of marine mammals has also been realized. To set these research agenda, it is necessary to foster expanded and advanced research activities by improving collaboration between multiple agencies and achieve increased efficiencies. To discuss the priorities mentioned above, a workshop “Advancements in Research for Marine Mammal Conservation in India” has been organized as a side-event of XVI Agricultural Science Congress in Hotel Le Meridien, Kochi on 13.10.2023 at 10:30 - 13:00 hrs.

## Programme Schedule

### Convener

Dr. Ratheesh Kumar R.

Scientist & Principal Investigator, Marine Mammal Project, ICAR-CMFRI

### Co-Chair I

Dr. Grinson George

Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-CMFRI

### Co-Chair II

Dr. Sreenath K.R.

Senior Scientist, ICAR-CMFRI

### Rapporteur I

Dr. Miriam Paul Sriram, ICAR-CMFRI

### Rapporteur II

Dr. L. Ranjith, ICAR-CMFRI

### Welcome address

**Dr. Grinson George**  
Principal Scientist & Head MBEMD,  
ICAR-CMFRI

10.30-10.35  
(5 min)

### Inaugural address

**Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan**  
Director, ICAR-CMFRI

10.35-10.50  
(15 min)

### Keynote address

Compelling research priorities for conservation imperatives of marine mammals

**Dr. E. Vivekanandan**  
Former Principal Scientist & Head  
ICAR-CMFRI

10.50-11.20  
(30min)

### Tea Break

### Invited Lecture

On-board sampling survey methods

**Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran**  
Director General,  
Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai

11.20-11.35  
(15 min)

### Invited Lecture

Methods of marine mammal stock assessment

**Dr. J. Jayasankar**  
Principal Scientist & Head FRAEED,  
ICAR-CMFRI

11.35-11.50  
(15 min)

### Invited Lecture

Marine Mammal bycatch mitigation strategies in India

**Dr. Prajith K K,**  
Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIFT

11.50-12.05  
(15 min)

### Invited Lecture

Addressing trade-related issues for the conservation of endangered species

**Shri.P.Anilkumar,** Joint Director  
Marine Products Export Development  
Authority, Kochi

12.05-12.20  
(15 min)

### Discussions and Recommendations

All participants

12.20-12.50  
(30 min)

### Vote of Thanks

**Dr. Ratheesh Kumar R.**  
Scientist & Principal Investigator  
Marine Mammal Project, ICAR-CMFRI

12.50-01.00  
(10 min)

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