



Koran Angel fish

developed these technologies through its research efforts over the years. We understand that extending these technologies to both private and government agencies will help them to establish public aquaria and that in turn will infuse more interest among the public in aquarium keeping and ornamental fish rearing.

We have also helped our farmers to interact among themselves and exchange ideas for better farming practices among them. With this idea in



Blue damsel

mind we helped our farmers to establish an NGO named National Aquariculture Society with its HQ at Calicut. We provide technical advice and guidance in the running of this organisation.

Calicut Marine Research Aquarium gives you a



Bat fish

rare opportunity to see some of the most beautiful fishes in our seas and your visit to Calicut will be incomplete without visiting this aquarium. Come with your dear ones, have a visit and leave our beauties with a lingering feeling of nostalgia and affection for them.



A typical Marine Aquarium

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Marine Research Aquarium



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Marine Research Aquarium of Calicut Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute was opened for the public on 30-9-2002. Marine aquaria can be exceedingly beautiful, due to the attractive colours of corals, anemones and ornamental fishes kept in them. This is the only public marine aquarium available



Clown Fish

coming from Kannur side can take a deviation from West Hill Chungham junction via Bhut Road. From Bhut Road junction on the beach the Aquarium is only 1 KM to the south on the left hand side.

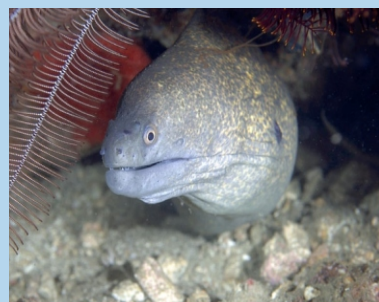
This aquarium gives special emphasis to the marine ornamental fishes found along the South west coast, South east coast and Lakshadweep islands and has a rare collection of more than 150 varieties of nature's beauties in our tanks. Visitors are explained about their habitat, behavioral specialities



Yellow Tang Fish

in the malabar region. The objective of establishing this aquarium was to create awareness among the public, scholars and students about the marine biodiversity of our coastal waters.

The Marine Research Aquarium of CMFRI is situated at West Hill beach, Calicut, about 2 KM north of Kozhikode Corporation office on the eastern side of the beach road. Visitors



Morey eel



Banner fish

and feeding habits. A visit to this aquarium gives the visitor an in depth knowledge about the diversity of our marine resources, their importance and the need for conservation.

This aquarium has some of the rarest varieties of marine damsels, wrasses, clown fishes, butterflies, trigger fishes, moray eels, star fishes, sea cucumbers, sea lilies, urchins, lion fishes, sergeant majors, soldier fishes, surgeons, groupers, ornamental shrimps, lobsters, crabs, clupeids, carangids, marine



Star fish

angels, banner fishes, moray eels, sharks, rays, cat fishes and marine turtles among our collection.

Unlike other tourist establishments this aquarium is open to the public on all days from 10.00 AM to 07.00 PM. The entry fee is Rs.20 for adults and Rs.10 for children up to 12 years.

We conduct special



programmes for students from schools and colleges to create awareness among them about the biodiversity of our coastal waters and the close relationship it has with the life on the land. The sustainability of the marine resources largely depends on the rate at which we exploit them and the effort we take to conserve them. We try to create awareness among the visitors to understand the importance of conservation of our

marine resources.

As part of our effort to promote conservation we undertake turtle conservation programmes, involving the Kerala forest department and the local fishermen, every year during the breeding season of Olive Ridley turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea*. As a part of this programme we establish turtle hatcheries where



Puffer fish

turtle eggs are collected, hatched and the young ones are released into the sea.

Ornamental fish keeping and rearing are lucrative activities and can create employment opportunities in the rural as well as urban areas of our country. As a part of the extension activities undertaken by this aquarium in association with Trainers Training Centre of CMFRI (TTC) we had regularly conducted



Butterfly fish

training programmes on ornamental fish culture at Calicut from 1998 onwards and had trained more than 800 farmers and officials. We are proud to say that more than 400 ornamental fish farms were established in the state of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa and Andhra Pradesh by our trainees and some of them are very successful ornamental fish farmers at present.

Aquarium rearing of marine fishes requires special technologies for keeping these fishes in a safe and natural environment. CMFRI had



Grouper fish