

# Pompano farming at Vethalai using low cost cages: Technology demonstration initiative by Mandapam RC

Artisanal type of cage was fabricated at Mandapam Regional Centre with 6 × 6 m outer and 5 × 5 m inner square frame, which is made of 50mm GI pipe for farming demonstration involving local fishermen at Vethalai village, Ramnad District, Tamil Nadu. To this 8 nos. of 200 litres barrel were tied for floating and 18mm marine ply wood was placed on four sides. The total cost of cage

including net was around ₹ 55,000. The cage was floated on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and subsequently Pompano from nursery cage was transferred on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. The ongoing pompano farming demonstration in an artisanal type of sea cages is a way forward for the spread of mariculture in India.



Farmers are lifting the cage frame



Farmers and staff of Mandapam Regional Centre tying the net



Pompano from the nursery cage is handed over to Shri. Nagadoss, Vethalai by Dr. G. Gopakumar, SIC of Mandapam RC



Farmers and MRC of CMFRI staff members transporting the cage

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Cage is transported to Vethalai village, Ramanathapuram district