

Mariculture can provide decent income to coastal area: CMFRI study

KOCHI: As the number of fishing days are reducing with each year due to extreme weather conditions, a recent CMFRI study has shown that mariculture can offer decent income to coastal communities. Mariculture could yield an additional income of up to Rs 3 lakh per unit, the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) study found. Mariculture is the cultivation, management, and harvesting of marine organisms in their natural environment. The innovative practice of IMTA, which combines mussel or seaweed cultivation with cage fish farming, was found to generate even higher profits of Rs 3,25,000 per unit, CMFRI said.