



## About ICAR-CMFRI

The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) was established by the Government of India on 3rd February 1947 under the Ministry of Agriculture and later shifted to the ICAR in 1967. During the course of over 75 years, the Institute has emerged as a leading globally. The research efforts by the Institute, during the first half of the seven decades of its existence, contributed significantly to India's marine fisheries development from a predominantly artisanal, sustenance fishery till the early sixties to that of a multi-gear, multispecies fishery. CMFRI continues to undertake research in niche areas like marine finfish farming, biotechnology, genetics and biodiversity.



Along with this, fisheries management plans for all maritime states were formulated and the institute addressed climate change issues affecting coastal habitats and fishers. The prestigious Sardar Patel ICAR Outstanding Institution Award was bestowed on CMFRI twice, in 2007 and 2019. With this coveted recognition coming our way for the second time, we continue to enjoy a place in the elite club of select ICAR Institutes.

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# Stakeholder Workshop on Covid Pandemic and Marine Fisheries Sector: Lessons learnt and Moving Forward

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## About the Project

COVID-19 outbreak has been deemed a global health emergency and has unravelled extreme shock for the economy. A Rapid impact assessment by ICAR-CMFRI on the COVID pandemic in the marine fisheries sector estimated a total loss of Rs.10,000 crores for a period of 21 days across the fish value chain constituents in India.

The present research program is aimed at examining, in depth, the differential the socioeconomic implications of the pandemic across the varied marine fisheries value chain constituents. The program involves identification of the existing adaptive/mitigative measures adopted by the fisher folk – the primary respondents- amidst the pandemic including alternative livelihoods and build on these to develop policy guidelines for the future.

Further, it is important to recognize the positive externalities that have occurred in terms of resource replenishment during the COVID times. In this spirit, it is vital that building back embodies democratic spirit of the country through participatory planning so that appropriate guidelines may be developed by meaningfully engaging the different stakeholders.

The study provides a comprehensive estimation of the extent of the impact on marine fish production, fisheries value chain and its stakeholders. Particular attention is paid to the fishing holidays and its effect on resource distribution during COVID which can inform future fisheries management policies and plan. The study was conducted across all nine coastal states of India representing the different stakeholders viz., fishers, labourers, boat owners, traders, marketing functionaries, women, exporters and consumers. Information was collected using a semi-structured questionnaire.



## About the workshop

This stakeholder workshop is intended as a consultative platform to present the findings of the project outcome and deliberate with the larger public on the impact, challenges and coping strategies which were in place during Covid. The workshop is aimed at evolving future strategies towards better disaster management guidelines and partake in risk aversion. The workshop is expected to include more than one hundred participants representing the different constituents of the value chain along with the academicians, researchers and policy planners, the seven stakeholders, the research community. Similar workshops will be held at three other states in the following months.

## Participants

- Labourer
- Boat owner
- Trader
- Marketing Functionaries
- Women
- Exporter
- Consumer
- DoF Officials
- Academicians
- Students
- Researchers

