



## About Madras Regional Station

The history of the Madras Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) dates back to the year 1947 when the Headquarters of CMFRI was first established in the premises of the Zoological Research Laboratories of the University of the Madras. In 1949, the CMFRI headquarters was shifted to Mandapam



Camp, leaving behind a Fishery Survey Unit at Madras, which was upgraded as a Research Unit in 1952 and further upgraded to the Substation in 1965. With the expansion of research activities, the research unit expanded to a research centre and came to be known as Madras Research Centre of CMFRI. In addition to a Field Laboratory at Kovalam, this Centre administers two Field Centre namely at Ongole, and Cuddalore along the 600 km length of Coromandal Coast(North Tamil Nadu to South Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry. This centre is an active Centre for research in marine capture and culture fisheries. The centre has contributed significantly in the marine fisheries management of the State. In 2022, the Ministry of Fisheries, Government of India, has entrusted the Madras Regional Station of CMFRI, the responsibility of training the trainers in artificial reef deployment from the maritime States.

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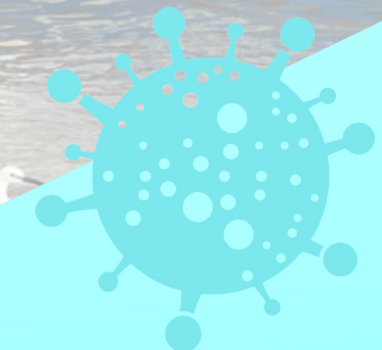
# Covid Pandemic and Marine Fisheries Sector: Lessons learnt and Moving Forward

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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

