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## TSP Cage Harvest Mela - 2016 conducted at Veraval

The 4<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival of the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) cages at Veraval was celebrated as the *Samdriya Krishi Sammelan* in the sea cage farm site off Prabhas Patan on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016. Dignitaries from Export Inspection Agency (EIA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), ICAR-CIFT and representatives from Nilkamal group (A private company fabricating aquaculture structures) attended the function. The lobster farming has evolved as an alternative livelihood for 'sidi' tribes of Gujarat after the demonstration and training programme as well as farming trials carried out under the Tribal sub plan Project of ICAR-CMFRI. The 'Bharat Adim Juth Matsya Udyog Mandal- Talala', a 'Sidi' tribal



*Beneficiaries from Sidi tribe with harvested lobsters*

society is the partner for the implementation of the TSP programme since the beginning. In current venture, 11 cages stocked with different size groups of lobsters in integration with the seaweed *Kappaphycus alvarezii* were cultured for a period of 3-4 months to attain marketable size and harvested. Partial harvesting was also done periodically as inherent differential growth is shown by lobsters. Nearly 72% of

lobsters from the total of 859 kg harvested were above 200 g which fetched a market price of ₹ 1200 per kg. The below 200 g lobsters fetched a market price of ₹ 800 per kg. The sales proceeds were shared among the members of the tribal group.

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