

# Open sea cage farming enthuses Sidi tribes

In continuation to the 10<sup>th</sup> consequent successful grow-out of Lobster (*Panulirus polyphagus*) sea cage farms off Prabhas Patan, Veraval by the local Sidi tribal community under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) of ICAR-CMFRI, sea cage farm harvest mela was organized on 21.04.2022. The on-board harvest mela was intended to enhance entrepreneurship capabilities and

empower “Sidi” adivasi tribal communities and also spread awareness of open sea cage farming among various other stakeholders of Gujarat state. Integration of seaweed by involving the women enabled a sustainable livelihood model through IMTA in the same ecosystem. Capture-based mariculture of lobsters in cages and the harvest of seaweed is finding widespread acceptance

along Gujarat coast. Stakeholders from various groups, officials from the Indian Coast Guard Station, Veraval, NETFISH (MPEDA), and ICAR-CIFT witnessed the on-board harvest mela.

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