

Marine fish landings post 3% rise in 2025 at 35.7 lakh tonnes

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India's marine fish production rose a modest 3 per cent in 2025 to 35.7 lakh tonnes (lt), according to the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

Tamil Nadu climbed to the top spot with 6.85 lt, overtaking Gujarat, which slipped to second after a 15 per cent drop amid adverse weather, extended fishing bans and cyclonic disruptions. Kerala retained the third position, posting a marginal 2 per cent increase in landings.

The value of marine fish landings rose strongly, touching ₹69,254 crore at landing centres (up 10.45 per cent) and ₹97,702 crore at the retail level (up 8.43 per cent), signalling firm demand.



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CMFRI data showed Indian mackerel remained the top species at 2.7 lt, followed by cephalopods (2.57 lt) and oil sardine (2.53 lt). Cephalopods and threadfin breams recorded robust growth of 25 per cent and 55 per cent respectively, both hitting decadal highs.

Pelagic fish dominated the catch with a 54 per cent share, followed by demersal

resources, crustaceans and molluscs.

KEY TRENDS

Karnataka recorded a sharp 44 per cent rebound after a weak 2024, while Maharashtra posted an 18 per cent jump. Kerala saw a strong rebound in Indian oil sardine, the top species, at 1.68 lt, up 13 per cent and a decadal high.