

'Marine fish landings hit 35.7 lakh tonnes in 2025'

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India's marine fish production touched 35.7 lakh tonnes in 2025, marking a slight 3% increase over the 2024 landings.

The annual marine fish landing estimates by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), which were released on Thursday, found that Tamil Nadu topped the production chart with 6.85 lakh tonnes, while Gujarat slipped to second place after a 15% decline, largely due to adverse weather and extended fishing bans. Kerala remained in the third position, CMFRI officials told the media.

Indian mackerel re-



A major highlight of Kerala's marine fish landings in 2025 was the increase in Indian oil sardine. FILE PHOTO

maintained the most landed resource in the country at 2.70 lakh tonnes, followed by cephalopod at 2.57 lakh tonnes and oil sardine at 2.53 lakh tonnes. Cephalopod and threadfin bream recorded 25% and 55% growth respectively—both reaching decadal-high levels.

Pelagic fish dominated the catch with a 54% share,

followed by demersal resources, crustaceans, and molluscs.

Among the states, Karnataka recorded a 44% surge in landings following a steep decline in 2024. Maharashtra also posted a strong growth of 18%, as per the findings.

A major highlight of Kerala's marine fish landings in 2025 was the increase in Indian oil sardine, which emerged as the top resource with 1.68 lakh tonnes (13% increase over 2024), marking a decadal high, the organisation noted in its statement.

Significant growth

At the same time, threadfin bream and cephalopod registered significant growth of 27% and 16%, respectively.

Kerala's marine fish catch reached 6.24 lakh tonnes in 2025 with a 2% increase over 2024, accounting for around 17% of India's total marine fish production.

Marine fish landings generated an estimated ₹69,254 crore at landing centres across the country and ₹97,702 crore at the retail level, indicating strong market demand.

In Kerala, the total value at the landing centre level was estimated at ₹12,665 crore and ₹16,681 crore at the retail centre level.

CMFRI Director Grinson George and heads of research divisions J. Jayasankar, Shoba Joe Kizhaku-dan, K.S. Sobhana, Josileen Jose, V.V.R. Suresh, and Krupesh Sharma were present.