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Seychelles team explores partnership with CMFRI

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Kochi: An eight-member Seychelles delegation led by fisheries, agriculture and blue economy minister Wallace Cosgrow visited ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) here on Thursday to explore bilateral cooperation in marine fisheries research, sustainable fisheries management and mariculture.

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The delegation expressed interest in CMFRI's expertise in fisheries stock assessment, climate change, seaweed-based value addition, ornamental fish breeding, tuna fisheries, mariculture and marine bioprospecting.

Cosgrow said that Seychelles had signed an MoU with the Government of India and ICAR for cooperation in agriculture and fisheries.

CMFRI director Dr Grinson George briefed the delegation on the institute's research in fisheries resource assessment, biodiversity, climate change, marine biotechnology and sustainable mariculture. CMFRI also demonstrated its National Marine Fisheries Data Management Centre, which uses mobile technologies and analytical tools to process fisheries data.

The discussions focused on knowledge exchange, capacity building and collaborative research, including balancing conservation measures with the livelihoods of small-scale fishers.