

ICAR-CIFA conducted awareness cum inception workshop on CIFABROOD™ at Guwahati, Assam

One-day awareness cum inception workshop on CIFABROOD™ was organized under NFDB funded (NFDB- CIFABROOD™) demonstration project on 4th January 2019 at the conference hall, Meen Bhavan, Ulubari, Guwahati, Assam by ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Directorate of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Assam. CIFABROOD™ a proven carp brood stock diet was developed by ICAR-CIFA through repeated scientific field trials. It ensures quality and quantity of egg production, remarkable improvement in breeding and hatching performances. Although the feed was tested earlier in West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu and recently in Tripura, Punjab and Bihar, it was never introduced and tested in Assam. So, the inception workshop was planned and carried out in Assam to develop awareness in the State department as well as among the progressive hatchery owners about the feed. The program was attended by 40 progressive Private Hatchery owners and seed growers, 10 Govt. farm in-charges /officials. Sri Gagan Ch. Sarma, Joint Director of fisheries and Mrs Dipmala Roy, Senior Executive and regional head of NFDB, Dr. Dandadhar Sharma, Deputy Coordinator (Aquaculture) SAP (DRS-III) and Aquaculture and Biodiversity Centre, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University also attended this meeting. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. P. N. Das, (ACS) Director of Fisheries, Assam in presence of Dr. P. P. Chakrabarti, Pr. Scientist & SIC, RRC, ICAR-CIFA, Rahara, WB and Dr. S. Nandi, Pr. Scientist ICAR-CIFA and PI(NFDB-CIFABROOD™) project. Mr. Das in his inaugural speech mentioned that the state is producing around 800crore fish seed/fry annually but still unable to provide quality fish seed to the fish farmers at proper time. Dr. Dandadhar Sharma, Gauhati University shared his experience of using CIFABROOD™ from 2016 onwards for his Aquarium fish maturation and breeding as well as on Indian Major Carps. Dr. P. P. Chakrabarti, Pr. Scientist explained about brood stock management requirements particularly during winter and summer months along with soil and water quality management of the pond. Dr. S. Nandi, Pr. Scientist presented extensively on CIFABROOD™ efficacy for quality seed production, Brood stock diet development principle, its application in farmers field, economic and technical benefits.



Inauguration of the workshop by Mr. P. N. Das, Director of Fisheries, Assam



Workshop in media



Workshop in progress

An interaction session for almost one hour was held, where hatchery owners clarified their doubts in different aspects of CIFABROOD™ applications, availability and cost. They also enquired about the possibility of getting the feed on subsidy to the Senior Executive, NFDB. Certificates were distributed to all participants by Dr. P. P. Chakrabarti, Sri Gagan Ch. Sarma, Joint Director of fisheries and Dr. S. Nandi. Dr. D. J. Sharma, MD-FISHFED and Dr. Sanjoi Sarmah, Fishery coordinator, Assam overall managed and coordinated this meeting.



Certificate distribution on successful completion of workshop