

AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON CIFABROOD™ (UNDER NFDB FUNDED DEMONSTRATION PROJECT)

Jointly organised by
**ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture
&
Department of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu**

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Venue: Department of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu, Chennai

An awareness workshop on CIFABROOD™ under the NFDB funded demonstration project was held at the Department of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu in Chennai on 7 February, 2019. The awareness workshop on CIFABROOD was chaired by Dr. G. S. Sameeran, IAS, Director of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu. The meeting was held with the support of NFDB, Hyderabad.

The workshop was attended by 40 progressive fish farmers comprising of hatchery owners and seed growers from different districts of Tamilnadu. Dr. S. Nandi, Principal Scientist and PI of the project delivered a lead lecture on CIFABROOD, its features, utility and advantages. Dr. P. N. Ananth, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, ICAR-CIFA also the Co-PI of the project supported the presentation by providing inputs with the experiences in scaling up the feed in different states of India.

After the presentation, farmers had interaction on the feed and also on quality seed production. The farmers were convinced with the feed and they requested to supply at the right time for proper usage. The fish farmers had only one serious concern is about the scarcity of water in the state and other limitations for seed production. The inferences from the workshop are that the farmers were more interested to use CIFABROOD for quality seed production rather than early breeding. Farmers opined that the possibility of early breeding is ruled out due to the scarcity of water during summer.



Dr. S. Nandi, PI of the project delivering lecture



Dr. Karthikeyan, Deputy Director addressing the gathering

The fish farmers and the officials of the department informed that Tamilnadu is a water deficit state which is one of the main factor that hinder the promotion of aquaculture. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. Karthikeyan, Deputy Director, Department of Fisheries and other officials. Dr. G. S. Sameeran, IAS, Director, Department of Fisheries distributed certificates to the fish farmers for attending this workshop. The Department of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu agreed to provide CIFABROOD to selected five hatcheries in the state for demonstration of CIFABROOD through this NFDB project.

The meeting ended with a thanks giving note from the Department of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu to ICAR-CIFA for organising this workshop as well as introducing the feed “CIFABROOD™” to the hatcheries of Tamilnadu.



Farmer's reflection on CIFABROOD™



Dr. G. S. Sameeran, IAS, Director of Fisheries, Govt of Tamilnadu distributing certificates to fish farmers