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ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar signed an MoU with Dept. of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for providing technical support on murrel hatchery and culture technology

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Department of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu has been signed to provide technical support on murrel breeding and culture under the project “**Breeding, Seed Production and Culture of Striped Murrel in Tamil Nadu**” funded by World Bank on 28 December, 2022 at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar in the presence of the Director, ICAR-CIFA and Additional Director of Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Dr Rajesh Kumar, Senior Scientist and Principal Investigator of the project briefed about the objective of the project which envisages to spread the murrel seed production and culture technology in Tamil



Nadu. Sri Arumugam, Additional Director of Fisheries, DoF, Govt. of Tamil Nadu mentioned that murrel fish is in very high demand in the state and this MoU will help in establishment of a model hatchery for seed production of this priced fish. He assured that the Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu will try to propagate murrel culture in the state of Tamil Nadu with the technical support of ICAR-CIFA. He also requested the Director, ICAR-CIFA to help the state in getting seed of improved carps and scampi. Dr B.R. Pillai, HoD, Aquaculture Production and Environment Division, ICAR-CIFA suggested to nominate a nodal person from DoF, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, who will be in contact with ICAR-CIFA for successful implementation of the project.

Dr P.K. Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA expressed that this MoU on the murrel seed production and culture will help the state in increasing the production of this priced fish and also to help farmers in increasing their income. He emphasized that this is just a beginning and we need to have a strong collaboration with DoF, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for wider dissemination of



ICAR-CIFA's promising technologies to benefit the farmers community of the state. He also suggested that the staff of DoF involved in this project should be in continuous contact with ICAR-CIFA for effective implementation of the project.

Dr P. Das, SIC, PME Cell and HoD, Fish Genetics and Biotechnology Division; Sri R. Alan Brindo, Astd. Director of Fisheries (Inland), DoF, Govt. of Tamil Nadu; Sri G. Janarthanan, Astd. Director of Fisheries (TN-IAMP), DoF, Govt. of Tamil Nadu;



Mr Jackson Debbarma, Scientist and Co-PI and Dr U.L. Mohanty, Member Secretary, PME were also present in the meeting. Dr S. Ferosekhan, Scientist and Co-PI of the project proposed vote of thanks.