



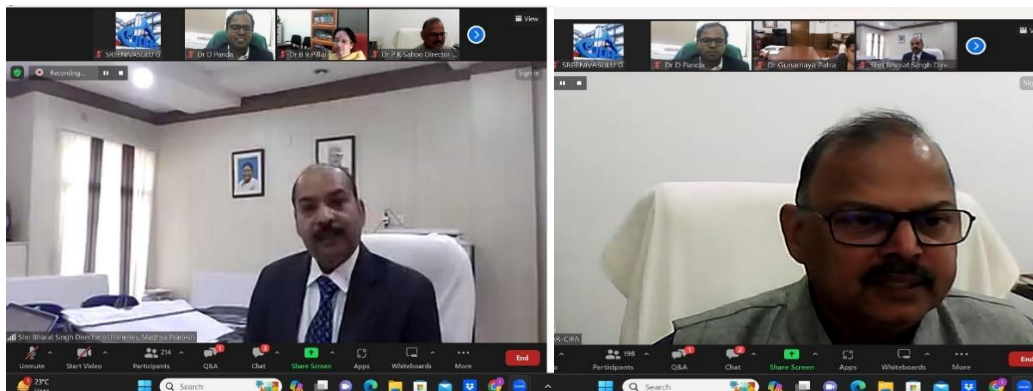
Virtual training on 'Polyculture of CIFA-GI Scampi® with Indian Major Carps for Higher Production and Income' held on 29 January 2024

ICAR-CIFA organized a virtual training on 'Polyculture of CIFA-GI Scampi® with Indian Major Carps for Higher Production and Income' on 29 January 2024 for the farmers, state officials, and other stakeholders of Madhya Pradesh in a webinar mode. The objective of the online training was capacity building of state officials, fish farmers, and other stakeholders from Madhya Pradesh on 'IMC-Scampi polyculture' and introduce them to 'CIFA-GI Scampi®' -genetically improved and fast growing strain of scampi developed through genetic selection by ICAR-CIFA.

The virtual training was organized under the PMMSY CS scheme on Scampi sanctioned to ICAR-CIFA and with the cooperation and active support of the Department of Fisheries, MP. Shri. Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries), Department of Fisheries, Government of India, Shri. Bharat Singh, Director of Fisheries, Madhya Pradesh and Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Director ICAR-CIFA graced the inaugural session. Shri. Sagar Mehra in his address advised the farmers to take up carp-scampi polyculture to increase the scampi production in the country and help to achieve the Government's target of achieving one lakh tonnes of scampi production in the country. He also told the Fisheries Department, MP to promote the IMC-scampi polyculture and help the farmers in getting seeds of 'CIFA-GI Scampi®'.



Dr. Bharat Singh, Director, Department of Fisheries, Madhya Pradesh, informed that the department is keen to promote the IMC-scampi polyculture and thanked ICAR-CIFA for organizing this state-specific training program. He said that several districts in the state have already initiated scampi farming and they require an adequate amount of quality seed to continue.



Dr. P.K. Sahoo highlighted the need for the promotion of carp-scampi polyculture and thanked the DoF, GoI as well as DoF, Madhya Pradesh for supporting ICAR-CIFA in organizing the training. He said that widespread dissemination of CIFA-GI Scampi will help in increasing the scampi production in the country.

Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator of the PMMSY Scampi project at ICAR-CIFA spoke about the scope and potential of IMC-scampi polyculture in enhancing the farmer's income and the advantages of using 'CIFA-GI-scampi®'. She requested the fisheries department, MP for help in spreading awareness about the potential of carp scampi polyculture.

The inaugural session was followed by the technical session. The training has the following five lectures that covered all the important aspects of IMC-GI scampi polyculture.

- An introduction to 'CIFA GI Scampi®' and its advantages by *Dr. B. R. Pillai, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA*
- Package of Practices for Carp-GI Scampi Polyculture by *Dr. D. Panda, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-CIFA*
- Water Quality Management for Carp-Scampi Polyculture by *Dr. P.K. Tiwari, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-CIFA*
- Nutrition and feed Management for Carp-Scampi Polyculture by *Dr. G.M. Siddhaiah, Scientist, ICAR-CIFA*
- Health Management in Carp-Scampi polyculture by *Dr. A. Paul, Scientist, ICAR-CIFA*

The lectures were followed by a Question and Answer session where all the queries raised by the participants were answered by the faculty.

A total of 412 farmers, state officials, and entrepreneurs from all 52 districts of the state participated in the training. Among the trainees, there were 330 males and 82 females.

Dr. D. Panda, Sr. Scientist moderated the online training session and gave the vote of thanks.

