



ADOPTION OF SEA CAGE CULTURE PRACTICES IN THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU: AN EYE OPENER FOR INCOME GENERATION

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Abstract

Lives of hundreds of traditional fishers at Sippikkulam and Keelavaipar coastal village in Thoothukudi district, Tamil Nadu have taken a turn for the better and enhanced socio-economic status for the last three years, courtesy to novel marine fish farming in cages introduced by the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. The paper elaborates the complete package of Adoption of sea cage grow-out culture practices by the selected fisher groups of Thoothukudi coastal village under the Technical guidance of ICAR-CMFRI, Tuticorin Research Centre. The successful adaptation of this farming practice by the fisher folk of sippikulam and Keelavaipar coastal villages of Thoothukudi district has transformed the lives of fisher folk remarkably and turned the sea cage farming as a profitable venture. Encouraged by the progress of this low cost sea cage family method and grow-out practices, many fishermen groups in Thoothukudi district are found to show interest for taking up cage culture technology.

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