

Cage Culture Demonstration of Indian pompano (*Trachinotusmookalee*) in Chandipur coast, Bahabalpur, Odisha by ICAR-CMFRI

NFDB has accorded sanction to the ICAR-CMFRI project titled “Cage Culture Demonstration of Indian pompano (*Trachinotusmookalee*) in Chandipur coast” at a cost of Rs. 257.33 lakh for a period of 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23) with 100% Central financial assistance. An amount of Rs.9.27 lakh has been released as first instalment.

The project aims to install 30 units of Sea Cages for establishing a model Indian Pompano marine cage farming unit along Chandipur coast of north Odisha, which would act as nuclear centre for large scale dissemination of the technology within the State with an anticipated production target of 45 MT.

Beneficiary selection is completed. Ten HDPE cages of 6 m dia are fabricated and also Mooring and floatation structures are constructed. Four cages are moored at identified locations. Nursery rearing of 30,000 Indian Pompano is under progress at Vizag RC RAS facility before they are stocked in cages.

