

Fish Farmers Day organized by CIFE

10th July 2014, Mumbai

Fish farmers day was celebrated at Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai on July 10, 2014. About 50 ornamental fish farmers, breeders, domestic traders, exporters and aquarium accessories traders participated in the function. Deliberations included expert interventions by Mr. Mehmood Syed, Ornamental fish breeder and exporter, Dr. K. Palanisamy, Deputy General Manager NABARD, Mumbai and Mr. Anil Kumar, Deputy Director, MPEDA. Dr. W.S.Lakra, Director, CIFE, Mumbai inaugurated the meet. The need for development of an association of ornamental fish farmers and trade to take care of the interests of this sub sector was direly felt. A concerted effort was felt necessary to identify rare domestic breeds that command a high price in the domestic market and breed them for gaining economic stability and conservation of biodiversity. It was felt necessary to recognize ornamental fisheries as an agricultural sector activity across all states of India. Lack of proper guidelines for ornamental fish culture, especially with respect to live feed, quality enhancement, transportation, price stabilization and standardization were some major issues that have to be dealt with on a war footing. The stakeholders were advised to develop a strong association in order to project the demands of the sector effectively.



A (Source: Director, CIFE Mumbai)