

Training programme on identification of commercially important marine fish species of Andaman Islands concluded at ICAR-CIARI

ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute in association with the Department of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration conducted a training programme for the staff of Department of Fisheries on “Identification of commercially important marine fish species of Andaman Islands” at ICAR-CIARI Campus, Marine Hill during 15-20 February, 2021. The programme was conducted as a part of “Implementation of online fish catch data collection project” of ICAR-CMFRI in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The trainees were provided with the theoretical and practical knowledge on identification of commercially important marine fishes of the Islands. The trainees were also taken to the fish market and fish landing centre at Junglighat for the field level identification of the commercially available fishes.

During the valedictory function, Dr. Gladston, Y, Course Director briefed about the activities carried out during the training programme. Shri. Abdul Salam, Assistant Director of Fisheries expressed his gratitude to ICAR-CIARI and also requested to conduct more such training programmes for the benefit of remaining staffs of the Department. Dr. R. Kiruba Sankar, Scientist I/c, Division of Fisheries Science expressed his gratitude to the Department of Fisheries to approach ICAR-CIARI for the technical support and requested the Director of Fisheries to formulate a core research team within the Department to deal with the fisheries research related activities in near future. Dr. Utpal Kumar Sar, Director of Fisheries lauded the efforts and support of ICAR-CIARI in implementing the much needed training to identify the fishes in order to strengthen the fish catch data of the Islands and also assured to formulate a core research team for the same. Dr. B.A. Jerard, Director, ICAR-CIARI appreciated the active participation of the Departmental staffs and highlighted that the proper identification and reporting of fishes will be a great contribution for the Island fisheries and also provides a scope for further expansion of Island fisheries. The participants gave an overall positive feedback on the training programme and also expressed their concern to collaborate with ICAR-CIARI to enrich their knowledge on fish identification. The team led by Dr. Gladston, Y, Dr. J. Praveenraj and Dr. Ajina, S.M. have coordinated the entire training programme. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. J. Praveenraj. A total of 15 officials from the Department of Fisheries have participated in the training programme.
