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Lal Pahad farmers sensitized on 'promoting woody pepper cultivation in Isles' by ICAR-CIARI

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A sensitization programme on 'Woody pepper as a potential crop for the Islands' was conducted for the farmers of Lal Pahad area of South Andaman under DBT, New Delhi funded project on Woody Pepper yesterday. Dr. Ajit Arun Waman, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI explained the participants about importance of local flora in livelihood and nutritional security of island dwellers. He also emphasized on promoting local species for diversifying Island agriculture apart from supporting tourism sector of the Islands.



Woody pepper is one such local species having considerable potential for commercialization in the Islands. In order to popularize the species, various aspects of woody pepper cultivation were explained to the farmers during the programme. Novel method of propagation of this spice developed at ICAR-CIARI was explained to them in order to enable them to take up its multiplication in their own farms. Field visits were also made to guide the farmers for taking up woody pepper cultivation. To give impetus for promoting this novel spice, planting material of woody pepper was distributed to seventeen farmers in the area, a press release from CIARI said.