

Field Day on "Fodder cultivation at Regional Station Minicoy, Lakshadweep

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 30/--/ Regional Station, Minicoy of ICAR-CIARI Port Blair, conducted field day on fodder cultivation under coconut plantation for the tribal farmers of Minicoy on 29th September 2022. Speaking on the



inaugural occasion, the chief guest Dr.Shrikant R. Tapdiya, Deputy Collector of Minicoy expressed his happiness on the technology namely CO 5 fodder cultivation to enhance income of livestock farmer. A total of 12 participants from 5 villages LeRammedu, Funhilol, Boduathiri, Aloodi, and South Bandaram attended the field day in which they were exposed to fodder (CO 5 variety) cultivation under coconut plantation at the institute farm. The scientific team Dr. Gladston Y. and Dr. Ajina S. M. interacted with the farmers and impressed upon the POP for fodder cultivation under coconut plantation, different methods of fodder production and importance of balanced nutrition for livestock. Shri.Shareefuddeen Hassan, Senior Technical Assistant and Shri.Arif M.L., Senior Technician, Coordinators of the programme informed about the technical know-how and do how to the participants in 'Mahl' (the local language).

On the occasion, total of 1200 cuttings @ 100 each of Hybrid Napier (CO 5) were provided to the farmers for growing in their field by the Deputy Collector, Minicoy. Dr. Gladston Y, Convener and Co-Convenors Mrs. Ajina S.M., Coordinator, ShriShareefuddeen Hassan & ShriArif M.L., Dr.S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Lakshadweep coordinated the overall conduct of programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.