

Modernising Fisheries Sector in Kerala

Few Suggestions

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Fisheries sector in Kerala

An Overview

- Continental shelf of 39139 sq km
- EEZ 218536sq km
- 151 inland water bodies with area of 1,67,739 ha
- 44148 fishing vessels
- 3 lakhs active fishermen and allied workers



Overview

Details of production

Year	Aquaculture	Inland fishing	Marine	Total (In lakh MT)
2018-19	0.25	1.67	6.09	8.01
2022-23	0.38	1.91	6.91	9.20
2023-24	0.41	2.11	5.81	8.33
2024-25	0.41	2.38	6.10	8.89



Overview

Details of export

Year	Quantity (In MT)	Value (in Crores INR)	%
2018-19	183064	6014.7	12.91
2022-23	218269	8285.03	12.95
2023-24	197000	7231.84	11.95
2024-25	179660	6941.36	11.12



Challenges

Aquaculture

- Poor growth of aquaculture in Kerala
- “One rice, One prawn” policy
- Brackish water aquaculture for Vanamei not developed
- Processors bringing Vanamei from Andhra



Challenges

Marine Fisheries

- Depleting catch
- Juvenile fishing
- Non installation of TED
- Poor harbour infrastructure
- Stringent requirements of importing countries



Way Forward

Aquaculture

- Promote brackish water aquaculture
- Allow investments in paddy fields lying unutilised
- Notification of aquaculture area for shrimp farming
- Promote seaweed farming and cage farming



Way Forward

Marine Fisheries

- Uniform trawler ban policy
- Tighter policing and action against juvenile fishing
- Closer coordination with other states
- Certification of sustainability of major fishery sources



Way forward

Upgrading infrastructure

- Improve freezing facilities in boats
- Upgradation of fishing harbours
- Common amenities at peeling sheds for effluent treatment
- Setting up state of the art laboratories



Way Forward

Processing sector

- Improve raw material availability
- Imports for processing and re-exports
- Deep sea fishing
- Focus on processing and value addition



Way Forward

Other measures

- Early installation of TED in fishing vessels
- Initiate measures for traceability
- Implement electronic reporting of catches
- Harbour based pre- processing centres and smart integrated harbours



THANK YOU

