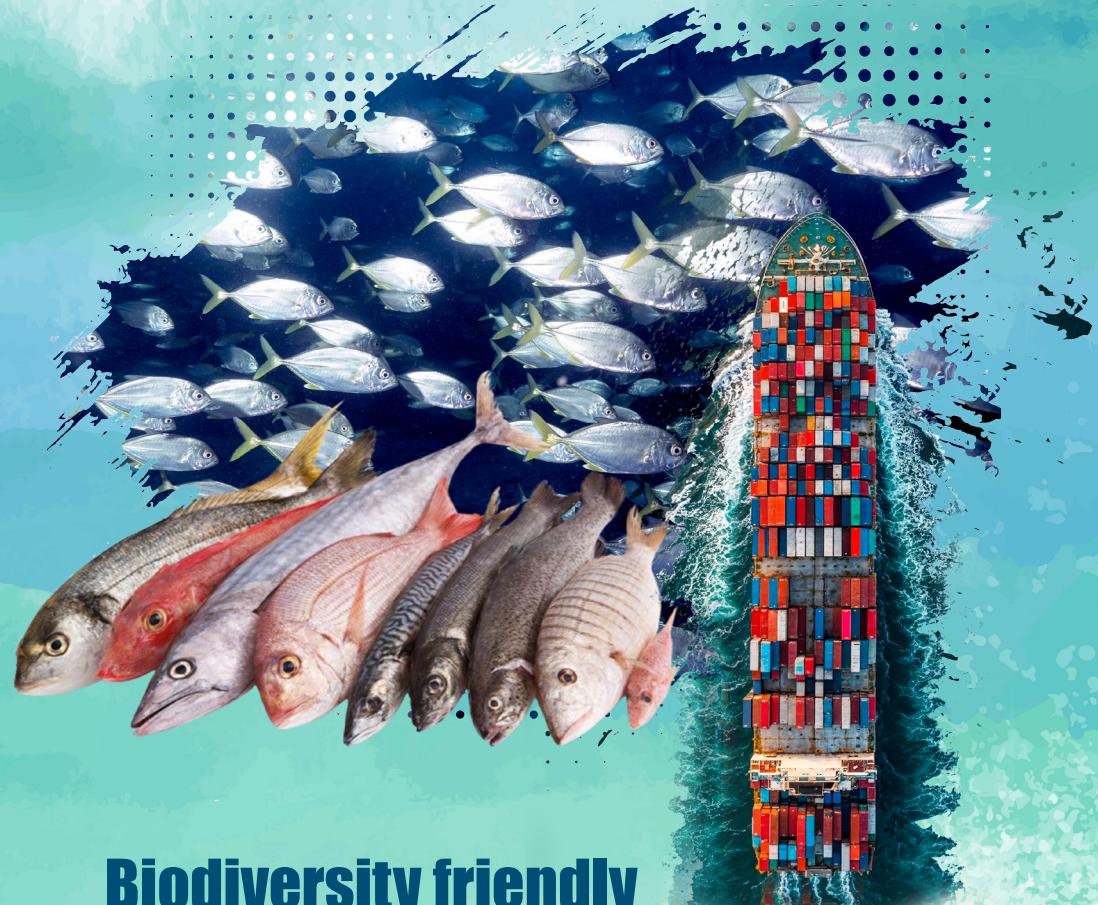




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Biodiversity friendly Marine Bioresources Utilization Practices Consultative meeting

Date: 09.01.2026, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: Hotel Ginger, M.G. Road, Cochin

Consultation on Biodiversity friendly Marine Bioresources Utilization Practices

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Welcome Address	:	Dr. N. Anil Kumar Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board
10.00 am -10.10 am		
Inauguration	:	Shri. Virendra R Tiwari, IFS (Retd) Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
10.10 am -10.20 am		
Special Remarks	:	Shri. APM Mohammed Hanish IAS, Principal SecretaryIndustries Department, Government of Kerala
10.20 am-11.00 am		
	:	Shri. Seeram Samba Shiva Rao IAS, Special Secretary, Environment Department Government of Kerala
	:	Shri. B. Abdul Nasar IAS Special Secreatry to Government of Kerala Department of Fisheries.
	:	Prof. K.P. Sudheer, Ex Officio Principal Secretary S&T Department & Executive Vice President KSCSTE.
	:	Dr. B.Balaji, IFS Secretary National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).
11.00 am -11.10 am	:	TEA BREAK
<i>Lead Talk 1</i>	:	Prof. A.Bijukumar, Vice chancellor, KUFOS.
11.10 am-11.50 am		Topic: <i>“From Marine Biodiversity to Benefits: Challenges and Opportunities for setting ABS Framework”</i>
Lead discussants	:	Dr. Ansar Ali, Deputy Director (Marketing Services), MPEDA.
	:	Dr. Pradip V. Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa Biodiversity Board.
	:	Ms. Mita Banerjee, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

Dr. Rekha J Nair
Principal Scientist, Marine Biodiversity and Environment Management Division, ICAR- CMFRI, Kochi.

Dr. A.Kathirvelpandian,
Principal Scientist, NBFGR.

Dr. Sendhil Kumar,
Scientist E, CMLRE.

Dr. Rajeev Raghavan
Assistant Professor, KUFOS

Dr. Limna Mol. V.P
Assistant Professor, KUFOS

Sri. Jagdish Fofandi,
Former National President, SEAI, Gujarat.

Sri Rozbeh Daruwala,
Former Regional President, SEAI, Maharashtra.

Dr. Asha Augustine,
Joint Director of Fisheries, Central Zone , Ernakulam.

Dr. Vrushabhendra,
Office in charge- AQCS, Kochi.

Lead Talk 2
11.50 am-12.30 am

: **Dr. J. Bindhu,**
Head, Fish Processing division, CIFT.

Topic: ***“Equitable and Sustainable Utilization of Marine Bioresources: Value-Added Products in the context of Access and Benefit Sharing”***

Lead discussants : **Shri.Pramod G Krishnan IFS,**
Chief wildlife Warden & Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) & Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan & Research).

: **Dr. A.V.Santhoshkumar,** Board Member KSBB.

: **Dr. Minimol J.S.,** Board Member KSBB.

: **Shri. Abdul Rahim,** RFO, Lakshadweep Biodiversity Board.

: **Shri. Doki Adimallai,** Wildlife Inspector, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Southern Regional Office, Kochi.

: **Sri. Pawan Kumar,** National President, The Seafood Exporters Association of India, SEAI, Cochin.

	: <p>Smt. Veenadevi K.R., DFO, Vigilance, Ernakulam.</p>
	: <p>Sri. Alex K Ninan, National Vice President SEAI, Cochin.</p>
	: <p>Sri. Manoj T Varghese, Chairman, Ocean Catch Committee, SEAI.</p>
	: <p>Dr. C.S. Ranawat, Assistant Director (E), Plant Quarantine Station, Willington Island, Cochin</p>
Lead Talk 3 12.30 pm-1.15 pm	: <p>Dr. B. Balaji, IFS Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)</p>
	Topic: <i>Amendments to Biological Diversity Act 2002, Biological Diversity Rules 2024 and ABS Regulations 2025 with special references to Marine Sector.</i>
Lead discussants	: <p>Dr. R.V Varma, Former Chairman KSBB & Board Member KSBB.</p>
	: <p>Dr. V. Balakrishnan, Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB).</p>
	: <p>Shri. Abhishek Kumar, IFS, Member Secretary (I/C), Gujarat Biodiversity Board.</p>
	: <p>Shri. M.J. Govardhan Singh, DCF, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.</p>
	: <p>Ms. Madhumita S, DCF, Mangrove Cell, Maharashtra Biodiversity Board</p>
	: <p>Dr. Narendran Tiruthy, Associate Professor, IIT, Kharagpur.</p>
	: <p>Sri. George Ninan, Regional President, SEAI, Karnataka.</p>
	: <p>Shri. Siraj Dosani, Regional President, SEAI, Maharashtra.</p>
	: <p>Shri. Neelesh Kumar Nema, Team member of Nat Xtra, Synthite Industries Ltd., Cochin, Kerala</p>
1.15 pm-2.00 pm	: <p>LUNCH</p>
2.00 pm-4.30 pm	: <p>DISCUSSION</p>
4.00 pm-4.10pm	: <p>TEA BREAK</p>
Conclusion and way forward	: <p>Chair: Shri. Virendra R Tiwari, IFS (Retd)</p>
4.10 pm-4.25 pm	: <p>Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).</p>
	: <p>Co-Chair: Dr. B. Balaji, IFS</p>
	: <p>Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).</p>
Vote of Thanks	: <p>Dr. V. Balakrishnan</p>
4.25 pm-4.30 pm	: <p>Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB).</p>