

Awareness Workshop on “Advances In Ornamental Fish Culture & Aquarium Management Techniques” For livelihood Security under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) at Shillong, Meghalaya, on 27th April, 2019

ICAR-CIFE organized an awareness workshop on “Advances In Ornamental Fish Culture & Aquarium Management Techniques” for livelihood security under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) at Shillong, Meghalaya, on 27th April, 2019, for tribal fisherfolk of Meghalaya, in association with the Directorate of Fisheries, Meghalaya. A total of fifty five (55) tribal men and women participants from 11 districts namely, East and West Khasi hills, Ri-Bhoi, East and West Jaintia hills, South West Khasi hills, East and West Garo hills, North, South and South West Garo hills were trained in various topics related to the theme under broad areas, “Identification of common potential ornamental fishes available in Meghalaya, technical knowhow of breeding and culture techniques of common ornamental fishes, analysis of important water quality parameters for ornamental fishes, basics of aquarium management and ornamental fish culture for livelihood security, nutritional requirement, live and formulated feed for ornamental fishes and entrepreneurship development in ornamental fish industry”. Important technical details were explained and a course manual-cum-resource book as well as four pamphlets were released and distributed to the stakeholders on the occasion. They were sensitized to adopt ornamental fish culture, fabrication and setting of aquariums, water quality management in aquariums, aeration and filtration in aquariums, role of feed and feeding habits of fishes as well as beautification of the aquarium using accessories and aquarium plants, as a vocation and as an alternative livelihood option. This was followed by group discussion with the staff of the Directorate of Fisheries in order to take the venture forward and to help them kick start their enterprises. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Paramita Banerjee Sawant, Senior Scientist, Division of Aquaculture and Dr. B.K. Mahapatra, Principal Scientist, Kolkata Centre of ICAR-CIFE.