

Awards & Recognitions

m-Billionth Award South Asia 2014

Digital Empowerment Foundation Award for Fisher-Friend Mobile Application

Mini Innovation Challenge Award 2019

Global Resilience Partnership, Kenya, recognition for the Fisher-Friend Mobile Application

Tech for Good Award 2022

Under the Disaster Management Category, awarded by Nasscom Foundation

Best Performance Award 2022

NABARD recognised the Integrated Aquaculture Project for best performance

Women Connect Challenge Grant Award 2023

Reliance Foundation and USAID grant to bridge the gender digital divide



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After the devastating Tsunami in 2004, MSSRF initiated immediate relief measures based on the needs of the coastal communities. These included livelihoods activities, agronomic rehabilitation, support for nutrition and education of orphaned children, etc. As a longterm solution for sustainable livelihood of fisher communities, the Fish for All Research and Training Centre was setup at Kaveripoompattinam (Poombuhar) in Nagapattanam District, Tamil Nadu. The Centre adopts a holistic approach in resource management, sustainable livelihood options, capacity strengthening, disaster preparedness and management.

Our Reach

- 5 Coastal States
- 99229 FFMA users
- 60.26 ha Culture Fisheries
- 121 GRIs
- 52 Value-added Products



Strengthen and diversify livelihoods

Functioning as a research/training cum demonstration centre, to strengthen and diversify the existing livelihoods while identifying alternative livelihoods for the fisher families and the coastal communities by adding value to the chain of capture, culture, commercialisation and consumption

Information, Communication and Technology

The Village Knowledge Centre stationed within the premises of the Fish for All Research & Training Centre is a MSSRF initiative through which dynamic and location-specific information is delivered in local languages, based on a demand-driven approach. An automatic Weather Station is also installed to give complete weather information



OUR WORK



Alleviating poverty among women

Specific focus on women in coastal communities for poverty alleviation and distributional equity under the coastal agro-eco system, also working with the fisher men and women, fish vendors, fishing labourers and the non-traditional fishermen

Education, Training & Skill Development

The Fish Processing Unit provides periodic training to fishers, creates awareness about standard practices of hygienic pre-processing of local fish / shell fish, and builds capacity to prepare value added production, while also establishing good market linkages

