



Regional workshop on **Fostering stewardship for sustainable Indian marine ingredients**

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Introduction

India plays a major role in the global seafood economy, supported by a dynamic aquaculture sector, strong export markets, and growing demand for marine ingredients such as aquafeeds. These sectors play an important role in supporting livelihoods, value addition, and food production systems both within India and internationally.

As markets, regulatory expectations, and sustainability conversations evolve globally, **Fishmeal and fish oil (FMFO) and aquafeed businesses** in India are increasingly navigating a complex operating environment. This includes balancing sustainability concerns, efficiency, competitiveness, traceability requirements, and long-term resource security, while responding to diverse domestic and international market signals.

At the same time, there is growing recognition that **closer dialogue across value-chain actors in FMFO and aquafeed businesses** can help identify shared interests, reduce fragmentation, and support more coordinated approaches to sectoral stewardship. While substantial evidence and experience exist across industry, government, and civil society, there are limited neutral platforms where these perspectives can be discussed collectively and constructively.

This workshop responds to this opportunity by creating a **focused, industry-facing space** to exchange perspectives, surface practical insights, and explore pathways that align the nation's sustainability ambitions with business realities in India's marine ingredients sector.

Workshop Purpose

The workshop aims to convene key industry actors, regulators, and enabling organisations to:

- Initiate a structured dialogue on collective stewardship in the Indian FMFO and aquafeed sectors
- Strengthen alignment between sustainability expectations, traceability systems, and market access
- Discuss the possibilities of a long-term multi-stakeholder coalition on marine ingredients stewardship in India

Workshop Objectives

The workshop will:

1. **Build shared understanding** of sustainability risks, trade-offs, and opportunities within the Indian FMFO and aquafeed value chains.
2. **Identify priority action areas** where industry leadership can drive measurable improvements.
3. **Explore the role of traceability and data systems** in supporting sustainability, regulatory compliance, and market alignment.
4. **Facilitate dialogue across value-chain segments**, including producers, processors, feed manufacturers, exporters, and regulators.
5. **Initiate a discussion on a multi-stakeholder coalition** for continued engagement beyond the Congress.



Key Outputs

By the end of the workshop, participants will co-develop:

- A shared framing of sustainability priorities for India's FMFO and aquafeed sectors.
- Practical recommendations on stewardship mechanisms, including traceability.
- Identified roles for industry, regulators, and enabling organisations in advancing collective action.
- Inputs towards a concept note for a multi-stakeholder marine ingredients coalition.



Participants

The workshop will bring together a curated group of stakeholders, including:

- **Aquafeed producers:** Maritech.
- **Seafood exporters, regulatory bodies, and industry associations:** Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).
- **Regional traceability initiatives:** Safe Fish & Traceability Programme Coordinator, GOI.
- **National and international regulatory and intergovernmental organisations:** Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter-Governmental Organisation (BoBP-IGO), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- **Research & academic institutions:** ICAR-CIBA, ICAR-CMFRI.
- **Sustainability standardisation bodies, technical partners, and civil society organisations:** Dakshin Foundation, Indian Marine Ingredients Association (IMIA), International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI), Seafood Solutions.
- **Regional delegates:** Sri Lanka Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, MinFish & Ocean Resources, Maldives.

Workshop Agenda 11th Feb 2026

Duration	Activities	Details
08:45 - 09:10	Registration	
09:10 - 09:30	OPENING SESSION Moderator: Dr. Naveen Namboothri, Founder-Trustee, Dakshin Foundation	
09:15 - 09:20	Context Setting	Dr. P. Krishnan Director, BOBP-IGO
09:20 - 09:30	Chief Guest Address	Mr. Sagar Mehra, IAS Joint Secretary, Dept. of Fisheries, GOI
09:30 - 10:15	SESSION I. REALITIES & SHARED CHALLENGES IN MARINE INGREDIENTS SECTOR Chair: Dr. K.K. Lal, Director, ICAR-CIBA, Chennai	
09:35 - 09:42	India's Competitive Position in Marine Ingredients	Dr. K.N. Raghavan CEO, SEAI (TBC)
09:42 - 09:49	Current and Future Policies/ Programmes for Marine Ingredients Sector Development	Dr. S. Kannappan Senior Executive Director, NFDB
09:49 - 09:56	Industry Perspectives on Challenges and Opportunities Facing India's Marine Ingredients Sector	Mr. Dawoot Sait President, Indian Marine Ingredients Association (IMIA)
09:56 - 10:02	Private-sector Innovation & Market-led Sustainability Mechanisms	Mr. A.B.Ch. Mohan Managing Partner, Seafood Solutions
10:02 - 10:15	Moderated Discussion & Interaction	Participants

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10:15 - 11:00	SESSION II. REIMAGINING SUSTAINABILITY IN MARINE INGREDIENTS SECTOR Moderator: Ms. Angela Lentisco , <i>Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, FAO-RAP</i> Each panelist will make 5 minutes intervention on targeted questions related to the theme, based on their specialization/expertise/organization	
10:20 - 10:40	PANELISTS: Dr. M.K. Ram Mohan , <i>Director, MPEDA</i> Prof. G. Jeyasekaran , <i>Safe Fish & Traceability Programme Coordinator, DoF, GoI</i> Mr. Santhana Krishnan , <i>Chief Executive Officer, Marine Technologies, Chennai</i> Mr. Jogeir Toppe , <i>Fishery Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO</i>	
10:40 - 11:00	Moderated Discussion & Interaction Participants	
11:00 - 11:20	SESSION III. MARINE INGREDIENTS SECTOR: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES Moderator: Dr. P. Krishnan , <i>Director, BOBP-IGO</i> Each country delegate will make 5 minutes intervention on the theme.	
11:05 – 11:20	Current Status of Marine Ingredients in the Country: Opportunities for Regional Action	Mr. Abu Naim Muhammad Abdus Sabur <i>Joint Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bangladesh</i> Dr. Hussain Sinan <i>Director General (Fisheries) MoFOR, Maldives</i> Mr. Susantha Kahawate <i>Director General, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, MoFAR, Sri Lanka</i>
11:20 - 11:45	SESSION IV. WRAP-UP & NEXT STEPS	
11:20 - 11:40	Priority Actions & Coalition Possibilities: [This will be an activity-based session involving all participants]	Dr. Naveen Namboothri <i>Founder-Trustee, Dakshin Foundation</i>
11:40 - 11:45	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks	Dr. P. Krishnan <i>Director, BOBP-IGO</i>

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