

Integrated Scampi/Fish culture in paddy fields of Kuttanad

It is estimated that 3500 ha of water logged paddy fields in Greater Kuttanad are suitable for integrated scampi/fish culture after the paddy is harvested when the lands are kept fallow till the next crop. The Agency for Development of Aquaculture, Kerala (ADAK) has been proposed to continue the scheme in the paddy fields of Kuttanad and will be implemented in association with local governments and KAU. Paddy Development Authority, Department of Agriculture, Kerala Agriculture University, District Panchayats of the area etc. were also involved in projects. The components of the Project include:

- Development of infrastructure
- Extension and training support for culture activities
- Disease monitoring
- Establishment of hatcheries

This is a credit linked scheme and financial assistance will be routed through banks as backend subsidy.