

**GREEN MUSSEL, *PERNA VIRIDIS* (L.) CULTURE TRAINING FOR SMALL
SCALE FISHERMEN AT PARANGIPETTAI, INDIA**

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ABSTRACT

TMMP researchers organized experimental raft culture for poor fishermen. Locally collected seeds, between 15 and 30 mm in length were attached to nylon and coir ropes, about 0.5 to 1.0 kg of seeds per m rope. The mussels grew at a monthly rate of 13-15 mm (length) and 6.5-8.4 g (weight). They were harvested after 4 months at the end of July 1994. The profit was 4 times the investment, encouraging the fishermen to start their own raft cultures.