

Review

PROSPECTS FOR CULTURE OF BIVALVES IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Culture of molluscs has a potential of meeting the ever increasing demand for fishery products. India has about 8.5 million hectares of coastal area suitable for mariculture. The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has developed technology for seed production and culture of most molluscs, but the technology has not yet been employed for large-scale mollusc culture in India. This paper summarises the production potential of Indian bivalve molluscs. However, consumption of molluscs is localised to only a small segment of the population.