PRESS NOTE

The Department of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, invites applications for the leasing of designated sea areas as notified in the A&N Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 for fish culture activities.

Eligible applicants include fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, individual entrepreneurs, private firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Fisheries Cooperatives, Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), and Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOs/FFPCs).The application form, list of designated sea areas notified in the AMFR, 2004 and detailed Terms and Conditions are available on the official website of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration (**www.andaman.gov.in**)

Interested parties are requested to submit their applications along with all required documentation either physically to the Directorate of Fisheries, Sri Vijaya Puram/ Zonal Fisheries Offices (South Andaman/ N&M Andaman/ Nicobar) or through e-mail at **dirfish.and@nic.in**. The applications in complete format should be submitted not later than **15th July, 2025**.

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Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 12th June, 2025

To,

1. The Chief Editor, Daily Telegrams, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to publish the above Press Note in the latest edition of the Daily Telegrams.
2. The News Editor, All India Radio, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to broadcast the news item in the Pradeshik Samachar.
3. The Station Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram with

the request to broadcast the news item in the Dweep Darpan programme.
4. The Assistant Director of Fisheries (N&M Andaman/South Andaman) for information and necessary action.

Copy is also forwarded to:-

1. Sr. P.S to Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. Of India, New Delhi for kind information of the Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries).
2. P.S to Secretary (Fisheries) for kind information of the Secretary (Fisheries), A & N Administration.
3. P.A to Director of Fisheries for kind information of the Director of Fisheries, A&N Islands.
4. The Joint Director (Fisheries), Directorate of Fisheries for information.

Assistant Director of Fisheries (Ext & Trg)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEASING OF SEA AREA FOR FISH CULTURE AND INSTALLATION OF FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES IN A&N ISLANDS

1. The eligible applicants include: -

a. Fishers, Fish Farmers, Fish Workers and Fish Vendors

b. Individual Entrepreneurs and Private firms.

c. Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOs/Cs)

2. The eligible applicants must submit:

i. Filled in Application Form **(Annexure-I)**

ii. A Detailed Project Report of the Proposal.

iii. Copy of Valid Registration Certificate in case of Individual Entrepreneurs/ Private firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies(FFPOs/Cs) recognized by any State government or the Union Territory of India

iv. Copy of Valid Fishing License issued by the Department of Fisheries in case of Fishers.

v. Copy of Fishermen Id card issued by the Department of Fisheries in case of Fish Workers

vi. Copy of Certificate issued by Pradhan/Councilor in case of Fish Farmers.

vii. In case of Fish Vendors, Copy of Vending Certificate issued by SVPMC for Municipal Areas and Concerned Panchayat in case of Rural areas.

3. Beneficiaries must have prior experience in Fish culture or possess a valid training certificate in the field.

4. Lease will be granted for an initial period of up to 03 years and extendable for a maximum period of 02 years by the Sea Area Leasing Committee subject to performance review. The committee may decide separate lease period for specific activity with higher incubation period based on the economics of that particular activity and applications shall be invited for the lease of sea area for that specific activity through procedure specified in the section 15(b) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules 2004.

5. The Sea Areas for Fish Culture and installation of Fish Aggregating Devices shall be as per Schedule V of A&N Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 or as notified by A&N Administration from time to time.

6. Leasing rent @ Rs100/- per 100 m^2 per annum may be charged for leasing out the area to the beneficiaries, payable yearly at the beginning of the lease year.
7. A minimum of 1.00 ha of sea area shall be allotted for undertaking fish culture and installation of fish aggregating devices with the maximum ceiling of 5.00 h a with the recommendation of the Sea Area Leasing Committee, as constituted under Section 15(c) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules 2004. For specific activities with different economics, the area may be changed by the committee while inviting applications for such specific activity.
8. In case the number of applicants exceeds the availability of sea area for leasing, preference shall be given in the following order:
   (i) Fish Farmers, (ii) Self Help Groups (SHGs), (iii) Fisheries Cooperatives, and (iv) other eligible applicants.
9. A leasing agreement shall be executed between Directorate of Fisheries (Lessor) and the beneficiary (Lessee) on recommendation of the application by the Sea Area Leasing Committee.
10. The Lessee must commence fish culture within 90 days of execution of Lease Agreement. Failure to do so will result in the reallocation of the sea areas to another eligible beneficiary.
11. The Sea Area Leasing Committee shall reserve the right to accept/reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof.
12. The Lessee should be capable of procuring and arranging fish seeds for culture initiation.
13. Fish seeds must be procured from approved or certified suppliers or Seed banks to ensure it meets quality and health standards.
14. The Lessee must provide a complete list of staff and technical personnel involved in culture activity.
15. The Lessee shall not sub-lease the allotted sea area to a third- party arrangement, failing to comply will lead to termination of the allotment and lease agreement.
16. The lessee shall maintain records on the development of the culture activities separately and produce the same for verification from time to time by the lesser or its authorized agent. If the leased sea area remains unutilized continuously for a period of 120 days any time during the lease tenure, the Department of Fisheries shall have the authority to cancel such lease and reallocate the area to other eligible applicants.

17. The Lessee must adhere to the following practices for minimizing environmental impacts:
    a. Proper waste management
    b. Monitoring of water quality
    c. Prevention of habitat destruction
    d. Adequate spacing between the cages to reduce the spread of diseases
    e. Indiscriminate use of antibiotics and their release into aquatic environment is prohibited.

18. The Lessee shall undertake a detailed site study of the leased area and design the project in such a manner that coral life and marine life at the site or adjacent locations are not adversely affected.

19. Regular inspections shall be jointly conducted by the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Environment and Forests to ensure adherence to Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the leasing conditions.
20. Adequate safety measures should be taken to prevent accidents including loss of life. Life-saving equipment like life-buoys/ jackets, communication devices, and first aid boxes at the culture site should be made mandatory. All persons while working at the site should wear life-jackets.
21. That the Lessee shall abide by all the bye-laws, rules and regulation of the relevant authorities including compliance to Coastal Aquaculture Authority Rules and Guidelines in respect of the leased premises and shall not do any illegal activities in the said leased Sea area.
22. Lease may be terminated for:
    i. Non-compliance with lease conditions.
    ii. Environmental damage.
    iii. Failure to initiate the farming/culture activity within 60 days of the allotment of sea area.

23. Lease Termination procedure will involve a formal notice and an opportunity for the lessee to address the issues before final action.
24. Dispute Resolution:
    a. In case of any difference/dispute arising out between the parties, the parties shall make every effort to resolve the disputes amicably.
    b. In case of failure, the dispute/differences whatsoever arising out of this agreement between the parties, the same shall be referred for Arbitration to a Sole Arbitrator, who shall be appointed by the Secretary(Fisheries), A&N Administration as per the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Amendments made therein from time to time.

c. The Arbitrator appointed under this clause shall pass the award within a period of 06(six) months from the date of reference made to him. The award of such Arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties. The fee of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

25. **Jurisdiction of Court** - The courts at Sri Vijaya Puram (Formally known as Port Blair) shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to try all disputes, if any, arising out of this agreement between the parties.

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Annexure-I

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF SEA AREA FOR FISH CULTURE IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

1.	**Applicant Information**	
a)	**Full Name/Company Name:** (Please provide the legal name of the individual or entity applying for the lease)	
b)	**Contact Person (for company)** Name: Position: Contact Number: Email Address:	
c)	**Address:** (Full Address of the Applicant)	
d)	**Type of Applicant:** Individual Entrepreneurs/private firms/ Fishers/Fish Farmers/Fish Workers/Fish Vendors/Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmer Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOs/Cs)	
e)	**Registration Details:** (Individual Entrepreneurs/private firms SHG/Fisheries Cooperatives/JLGs/ FFPOs/Companies)	
f)	**Details of Past Experience/Training Certificates in the relevant field**	
2.	**PROJECT INFORMATION**	
a)	**Project Title/ name**	
b)	**Project Description:**	

	(Detailed Project Report, including species to be cultured and expected outcomes)	
c)	**Proposed sea Area:** Location: Coordinates: Area required :	
d)	**Duration of Lease Requested:**(Specify the number of years, up to a maximum of 03 years)	
e)	**Project Start Date:** (Expected commencement date)	
3.	**Total Project cost** Applicant's Contribution Bank Loan, if any	

DECLARATION:

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the rejection of this application or termination of the lease, if granted.

Signature of Applicant