

**VALUE ADDITION OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCE
AIMING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AMONG FISHING
COMMUNITY OF NAGPUR DISTRICT OF
MAHARASHTRA**

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INTRODUCTION

- Empowering women to participate fully in economic life across all sectors is essential to build a stronger economies
- It achieves internationally agreed goals for development and sustainability, and improve the quality of life for women.
- Fisheries and aquaculture have been very slow to focus on gender.

- In the fisheries sector, men and women engage in distinct and often complementary activities that are strongly influenced by the social, cultural and economic contexts they live in.
- Fortunately the tide of attention to Gender in fisheries and aquaculture is turning, driven in part by the special series of women and gender symposia over the last 10 years (Asian Fisheries Society at their triennial forums)
- Male-female relations vary greatly and are based on
 - Economic status
 - Power relations
 - Access to productive resources and services.

- Self-employment initiatives of fisherwomen have been well appreciated by the planners and policy makers towards attaining self-sufficiency in their households.
- In most of the States of India, fishermen families live below poverty line.
- Fisherwomen have to take initiative to support their family financially

OBJECTIVE

- To initiate the training program for making different value added fish products from the raw caught fish.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- A survey has been conducted by the students of College of Fishery Science, Nagpur under the guidance of the teaching staff
- In Wena Dam and Reservoir” and four lakes nearby
- Training was given for making different value added fish products from the raw caught fish

- The value added products included

- ❖ Fish pizza

- ❖ Burger

- ❖ Manchurian

- ❖ Rolls

- The marketing techniques were also taught to the women -

- Selling of the product

- Investment of money

- Providing the information about the various schemes given by the Government institutions etc



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- Out of the total 120 women who got trained under this programme, 15 women started the value addition of cultured fishes.
- They sold value added products near their regular market, attracting many people who preferred ready to eat fishery products.
- The business was operated in a small scale and the profit ranged between Rs.5000-6000/month

CONCLUSION

- Though they were satisfied with the business and the profit levels, the long term preparatory steps (extending up to 4 hours) keep many of the women away from this activity on a regular basis.
- So, for further strengthening this programme, we need to provide with continuous training and effective machineries which could help them to reduce the time of preparation.

REFERENCES

- Training program conducted by college of fishery science , Nagpur.
- Based on personal experience of students, interaction with fisherwomen community.

Thank you

