



# COMMUNITY AQUACULTURE OF ORNAMENTAL SHRIMPS: AN ALTERNATE LIVELIHOOD OPTION FOR THE WOMEN AT LAKSHADWEEP

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## INTRODUCTION

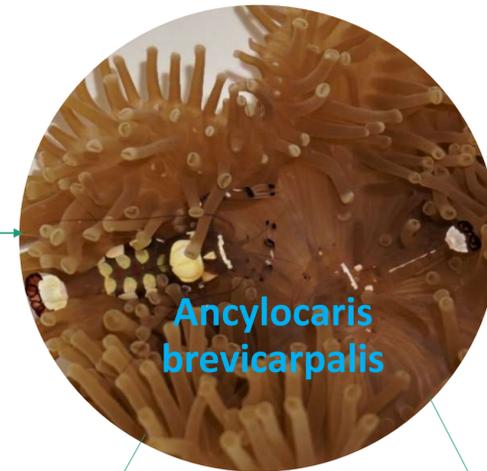
- Women are involved in low/marginal income generating activities
- Community aquaculture of marine ornamental shrimps as a livelihood option

## TRAINING

- Breeding and seed production of ornamental shrimps were standardized by ICAR-NBFGR
- 82 women were trained on the rearing of marine ornamental shrimps

## COMMUNITY AQUACULTURE UNITS

- Constructed with locally available materials
- 54 women are involved in ornamental shrimp rearing in four community aquaculture units



Conservation of indigenous genetic resources with participation of the community



## MARKETING

- An agreement was signed with the VGP, Chennai for the sale of ornamental shrimp
- The income of women raised to Rs. 2000 - 6600/- per person per month.

## OPPORTUNITIES

- As a model for local people using native resources for income generation.
- Adoption by the policymakers of Lakshadweep to increase the income of islanders.
- As an “ornamental hub” at Lakshadweep islands in the future.

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