

Hands-on training on “Captive-breeding and larval-rearing of yellow catfish” organized by ICAR-NBFGR

ICAR-NBFGR’s Centre for Peninsular Aquatic Genetic Resources (PAGR), Kochi, organized a hands-on training programme on “Captive-breeding and larval-rearing of yellow catfish, *Horabagrus brachysoma*, during August 22-24, 2023 as part of the CRP Agrobiodiversity Project. Hands-on training was provided on brood-stock selection, tank preparation, hormone induction, PIT tagging, egg collection, stripping, egg counting, fecundity calculation, fertilisation rate determination, setting different types of hatching systems and transferring the eggs, establishing live feed culture systems, observing hatchlings, calculating hatching percentages, collection of hatchlings, stocking in larval rearing tanks and oxygen packing for seed and adult fish transportation. 17 participants, including farmers, hatchery managers, assistant professors, fisheries department officials, and researchers, attended the training. Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, emphasised disseminating captive-breeding and larval-rearing protocols to fish farmers at the mass level to support the national vision of augmenting fish production and livelihood. Dr. Sarkar appreciated the team PAGR, Kochi, for their efforts.

