

Training cum workshop on “Integrated taxonomy and systematics of finfish and shellfish (ITSFS-2023)”

In order to develop trained human resources in the field of finfish and shellfish taxonomy for the conservation and sustainable management of fish genetic resources of the country, the first of the series, of training cum workshop was organized in the newly created National Fish Museum and Repository in the institute during 14-18 April 2023. The facility was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Secretary, DARE, and DG, ICAR, Dr Himanshu Pathak on the same day.

The training was attended by 27 participants across the country. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr J.K. Jena, DDG (Fisheries Science) in the presence of Dr U.K. Sarkar, Director of ICAR-NBFGR. The training covered various aspects of fish taxonomical research such as traditional taxonomic methods, molecular taxonomy and radiographic analysis for aiding in the accurate identification of fish species. The experts from various fields of fish taxonomy have participated in the programme and delivered lectures and conducted practical demonstrations. The taxonomical methods of various groups of fish species were deliberated with the lectures followed by the practical sessions. The main areas covered were the fundamentals of fish taxonomy, the specialised groups such as eels, ornamental fishes, molluscs, crustaceans, deep sea fishes, indigenous fishes of North East India and Western Ghats, associated fields such as radiography, molecular taxonomy, GIS in biodiversity assessment, Climate change in fisheries. The valedictory function of the programme was held on 18th April 2023 with Dr S.P. Trivedi, Professor, Lucknow University as the chief guest and attended by Dr. U.K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR- NBFGR and other delegates. Dr L.K. Tyagi, Dr A. Kathirvelpandian and Dr Rejani Chandran, scientists of the institute coordinated the training programme.

