

Scampi (Jhinga) Fish Production by Schedule Tribe Fishers - A Success Story (Narvali village of district Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh)

Narsinghpura pond is located in Narvali Gram Panchayat of Jhabua district (Madhya Pradesh). The Narsinghpura pond covers an area of about 30.25 hectare. The Self Help Group of about Fourteen fishers producing Scampi (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) in the pond which enhanced their income considerably. Fishers obtained juveniles from the bank of Narmada river of Jhanaur village, district Bhadoach (Gujrat). Within seven months Scampi increases from 200 g to 350 g in weight and 25 mm to 275 mm in size, the maximum size obtained was 500g. The rate of scampi in metropolitan cities varies from Rs. 200 to 300 per kg.

Looking to the success of the scampi production and income generation the more of schedule tribes attracted towards this activity and getting benefit by improving their socio-economic status and nutritional livelihood security. By adopting scientific production technology of scampi, fishers can produce one ton/ha within six to seven months, which fetches the market price of Rs.1.50 to 2.00 lacs.

Earlier the same group of fishers could not be able to generate income more than Rs.1000 to 1500 per month but after adopting the scampi production the group is able to generate their income four fold and getting Rs. 4000 to 6000 additional income per month. The increase in income improved their socio-economic status as well as standard of living.

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