

West Bengal farmer set milestone producing 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM'

Name-Subrajyoti Sahu
District- Purba Medinipur

State-West Bengal

Age-30 Years

Mobile No-9593736050

Occupation-Fish farming

No. of ponds-04

Pond type- Perennial pond

Years of experience- 05

Landholding-04 acre

Family Member-04



'CIFA-GI Scampi[™] is a genetically improved and fast-growing strain of giant freshwater prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (scampi) developed by ICAR-CIFA through genetic selection in collaboration with WorldFish, Penang, Malaysia. Multi-location trials of 'CIFA-GI Scampi[™] were conducted in different states across India. West Bengal being the leading producer of fish was also selected for conducting the on-farm trial.

Mr. Subrajyoti Sahu, an experienced and professional fish farmer from Haldia, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, was selected as the lead farmer in August, 2021. He owned four ponds and one of his ponds measuring 0.25 ha area was selected for demonstration of 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM' in carp-scampi polyculture system under the Central Sector Scheme of Prime Minister Matsya Sampada Yojana titled 'Scaling up of Genetic Improvement Programme of Freshwater Prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (Scampi)' sanctioned to ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar.

To carry out the trial in the 0.25 ha pond, he was provided with 2025 numbers of juveniles of 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM' (0.75g), 300 numbers of catla (200 g), 1200 numbers of rohu (80 g), feed and other farm inputs like lime, cow dung, single super phosphate, ground nut oil cake (GNOC) in August, 2021. The stocked scampi and carps were fed daily with overnight soaked GNOC

and floating feed (Crude Protein: 28.0%, Crude Fat: 4.0%). The feeding was done @ 5 to 2% of body weight of stocked fish daily in two split doses. The culture practice and stock were monitored at monthly interval by the project staff through regular visit and sampling.

The final harvesting was done in March 2022 after seven months of culture. Mr. Sahu got a substantial yield of 130 kg 'CIFA-GI

ScampiTM (520kg/ha) with an impressive mean body

The cost of seeds of carps (Rs.30,000 @ Rs.20/piece) and 'CIFA-GI Scampi' (Rs.2,025 @





weight of 80 g after only seven months of culture. He also harvested 540 kg of Rohu and 288 kg of Catla from the same pond of 0.25 ha. The total revenue generated from sale of Scampi (@ Rs 500/kg), Rohu (@120/kg) and Catla (@180/kg) was Rs. 1,81,640.00.

Economic analysis of 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM'-carp polyculture:

Rs.1/piece) was Rs. 32,025.00 only, while the expenditure towards the use of inputs like floating feed, lime, GNOC and manure was estimated as Rs. 65,550.00 only. Mr. Sahu had spent Rs. 21,000.00 towards the payment of labour for pond management and netting for harvesting during the culture period. The charges towards the use of fuel and electricity to operate the pump and aerator were included as miscellaneous expenditure,



which was approx. Rs. 4000.00. The total expenditure incurred during the culture period of seven months was Rs. 1,22,575.00. The total revenue generated from the sale of fish and prawns was Rs. 1,81,640.00. Hence, the net profit achieved from carp-scampi polyculture from 0.25 ha pond was Rs. 59,065.00 in seven months which works out to Rs. 2,36,260.00/ha/crop of only seven months.

The first 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM' field trial in West Bengal thus proved to be successful, and the outcomes of this trial have motivated the local farmers to adopt 'CIFA-GI ScampiTM' culture.

The perseverance and sincerity of Mr. Sahu were also the key factors in the accomplishment. Mr. Sahu is interested to culture GI-Scampi in the future. Block Development Officer for Haldia Block Mr. Sanjoy Das expressed his pleasure and stated "We are hopeful that the success of Mr. Sahu will inspire other fish farmers to adopt CIFA-GI ScampiTM in carp-scampi polyculture system and thereby earn more profit." He appreciated ICAR-CIFA for the untiring effort for improving the livelihood of farmers by developing such improved varieties of fish.



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