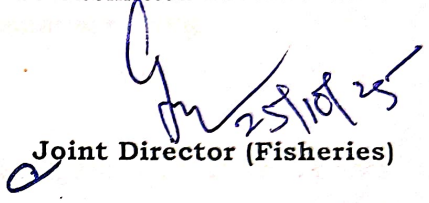


## PRESS NOTE

The Directorate of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, invites applications for the leasing of designated sea areas as notified vide Department of Fisheries notification dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 for undertaking Seaweed farming and Pearl Culture activities. Eligible applicants include fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, individual entrepreneurs, private firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Fisheries Cooperatives, Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), and Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOs/FFPCs).

The application form, list of designated sea areas as per notification dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and detailed Terms and Conditions for undertaking Seaweed farming and Pearl culture are available in the official website of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration (<https://andamannicobar.gov.in/>) and in the website of Department of Fisheries(<https://anifisheries.andamannicobar.gov.in/>).

The Interested parties are requested to submit their applications along with all required documentation either physically to the Directorate of Fisheries, Sri Vijaya Puram/ Zonal Fisheries Offices (South Andaman/ N&M Andaman/ Nicobar) or through e-mail at dirfish.and@nic.in. The applications in complete format should be submitted not later than 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

  
Joint Director (Fisheries)

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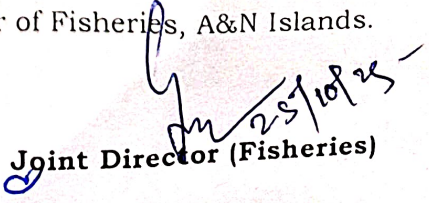
Port Blair, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

To,

1. The Chief Editor, Daily Telegrams, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to publish the above Press Note in the latest edition of the Daily Telegrams.
2. The News Editor, All India Radio, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to broadcast the news item in the Pradeshik Samachar.
3. The Station Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to broadcast the news item in the Dweep Darpan programme.
4. The Assistant Director of Fisheries (N&M Andaman/South Andaman) for information and necessary action.

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1. Sr. P.S to Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India, New Delhi for kind information of the Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries).
2. P.S to Secretary (Fisheries) for kind information of the Secretary (Fisheries), A & N Administration.
3. P.A to Director of Fisheries for kind information of the Director of Fisheries, A&N Islands.

  
Joint Director (Fisheries)

**APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF SEA AREA FOR SEAWEED FARMING AND PEARL CULTURE IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS**

1	Applicant Information	
a)	Full Name/Company Name: (Please provide the legal name of the individual or entity applying for the lease)	
b)	Contact Person (for company) Name: Position: Contact Number: Email Address:	
c)	Address: (Full Address of the Applicant)	
d)	Type of Applicant: Individual Entrepreneurs/private firms/ Fishers/Fish Farmers/Fish Workers/Fish Vendors/Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmer Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOs/Cs).	
e)	Registration Details: ( Individual Entrepreneurs/private firms SHG/Fisheries Cooperatives/JLGs/ FFPOs/Companies)	
f)	Details of Past Experience/Training Certificates in the relevant field	
2.	PROJECT INFORMATION	
a)	Project Title/ Name	
b)	Project Description: (Detailed Project Report, including species to be cultured and expected outcomes to be enclosed )	
c)	Proposed sea Area: Location: Coordinates: Area required :	
d)	Duration of Lease Requested:(Specify the number of years, up to a maximum of 05 years)	
e)	Project Start Date: (Expected commencement date)	
3.	Total Project cost Applicant's Contribution Bank Loan, if any	



**DECLARATION:**

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the rejection of this application or termination of the lease, if granted.

Signature of Applicant

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEASING OF SEA AREA FOR UNDERTAKING  
SEAWEED FARMING AND PEARL CULTURE IN A&N ISLANDS**

1. The eligible applicants include: -
  - a. Fishers, Fish Farmers, Fish Workers and Fish Vendors
  - b. Individual Entrepreneurs and Private firms.
  - c. Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOS/Cs)
2. The eligible applicants must submit:
  - i. Filled in Application Form (ANNEXURE-I)
  - ii. A Detailed Project Report of the Proposal.
  - iii. Copy of Valid Registration Certificate in case of Individual Entrepreneurs/ Private firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Fisheries Cooperatives/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Fish Farmers Producer Organizations/Companies (FFPOS/Cs) recognized by any State government or the Union Territory of India.
  - iv. Copy of Valid Fishing License issued by the Department of Fisheries in case of Fishers.
  - v. Copy of Fishermen Id card issued by the Department of Fisheries in case of Fish Workers.
  - vi. Copy of Certificate issued by Pradhan/Councillor in case of Fish Farmers.
  - vii. In case of Fish Vendors, Copy of Vending Certificate issued by SVPNC for Municipal Areas and Concerned Panchayat in case of Rural areas.
3. Beneficiaries must have prior experience in Fish culture or possess a valid training certificate in the field.
4. For Pearl culture and Seaweed farming, the lease will be granted for an initial period of up to 05 years and extendable for a period of 05 years at a time by the Sea Area Leasing Committee subject to performance review. The committee may review the requirement of separate lease period for specific activity with higher incubation period based on the economics of that particular activity and applications shall be invited for the lease of sea area for that specific activity through procedure specified in the section 15(b) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules 2004.
5. The Sea Areas for Seaweed Farming and Pearl Culture shall be as per the notification no. M-13/10/2022-ADF (HQ-II)-Fisheries-FISH\_AN dated 19th September, 2025 by Department of Fisheries and the notifications as amended from time to time as per the provision of A&N Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2025.
6. Leasing rent @ Rs.100/- per 100 m<sup>2</sup> per annum may be charged for leasing out the area to the beneficiaries, payable yearly at the beginning of the lease year. A fixed deposit receipt of Rs.1.5 lakh per Ha. to be submitted by the applicant for final leasing of the sea area along with an undertaking for handing over peaceful possession of the sea area on end/termination of lease, which will be returned on receiving vacant peaceful sea area after completion of the project. The local SHGs are exempted from submission of Fixed Deposit receipt.



7. A minimum of 1.00 Ha. of Sea area shall be allotted for undertaking Seaweed farming and Pearl Culture with the maximum \ ceiling of 10.00 Ha. with the recommendation of sea area leasing committee, as constituted under section 15(c) of the A&N Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004. For specific activities with different economics, the area may be reviewed by the Committee while inviting applications for such specific activity.
8. In case the number of applicants exceeds the availability of sea area for leasing, preference shall be given in the following order:
  - i) Fish Farmers (ii) Self Help Groups (SHGs), (iii) Fisheries Cooperatives, (iv) and other eligible applicants.
9. A leasing order will be issued by the Directorate of Fisheries to the beneficiary (Lessee) on recommendation of the application by the Sea Area Leasing Committee
10. The Lessee must commence Seaweed Farming and Pearl Culture within 90 days of execution of Lease Order. Failure to do so will result in the reallocation of the sea areas to another eligible beneficiary
11. The Sea Area Leasing Committee shall reserve the right to accept/reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof.
12. The Lessee should be capable of procuring and arranging seeds for culture initiation.
13. Fish seeds must be procured from approved or certified suppliers or Seed banks to ensure it meets quality and health standards.
14. The Lessee must provide a complete list of staff and technical personnel involved in culture activity.
15. The Lessee shall not sub-lease the allotted sea area to a third-party arrangement; failing to comply will lead to termination of the allotment and lease agreement.
16. The lessee shall maintain records on the development of the culture activities separately and produce the same for verification from time to time by the lesser or its authorized agent. If the leased sea area remains unutilized continuously for a period of 90 days any time during the lease tenure, the Department of Fisheries shall have the authority to cancel such lease and reallocate the area to other eligible applicants.
17. The Lessee must adhere to the following practices for minimizing environmental impacts:
  - a. Proper waste management
  - b. Monitoring of water quality
  - c. Prevention of habitat destruction
  - d. Adequate spacing between the cages to reduce the spread of diseases
  - e. Indiscriminate use of antibiotics and their release into aquatic environment is prohibited.



18. The Lessee shall undertake a detailed site study of the leased area and design the project in such a manner that coral life and marine life at the site or adjacent locations are not adversely affected.

19. Regular inspections shall be jointly conducted by the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Environment and Forests to ensure adherence to Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the leasing conditions.

20. Adequate safety measures should be taken to prevent accidents including loss of life. Life-saving equipment like life-buoys/ jackets, communication devices, and first aid boxes at the culture site should be made mandatory. All persons while working at the site should wear life-jackets.

21. That the Lessee shall abide by all the bye-laws, rules and regulation of the relevant authorities including compliance to coastal Aquaculture Authority Rules and Guidelines in respect of the leased premises and shall not do any illegal activities in the said leased Sea area.

22. Lease may be terminated for:

- i. Non-compliance with lease conditions.
- ii. Environmental damage.
- iii. Failure to initiate the farming/culture activity within 90 days of the allotment of sea area.

23. Lease Termination procedure will involve a formal notice and an opportunity for the lessee to address the issues before final action.

24. Dispute Resolution:

a. In case of any difference/dispute arising out between the parties, the parties shall make every effort to resolve the disputes amicably.

**b. In case of failure, the dispute/differences whatsoever arising between the parties(Lessor and Lessee), the same shall be referred for Arbitration to a Sole Arbitrator, who shall be appointed by the Secretary (Fisheries), A&N Administration as per the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Amendments made therein from time to time.**

c. The Arbitrator appointed under this clause shall pass the award within a period of 06(six) months from the date of reference made to him. The award of such Arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties. The fee of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

**25. Jurisdiction of Court -The courts at Sri Vijaya Puram (Formally known as Port Blair) shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to try all disputes, if any, arising between the parties (Lessor and Lessee).**



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**NOTIFICATION**

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

No.81/2025/F.No.M-13/10/2022-ADF(HQ-II)-Fisheries-FISH\_AN.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 4 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003 (No. 1 of 2003) and in pursuance of Rule 15 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 as amended from time to time, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands hereby notifies the following sea areas identified for leasing to undertake Fish Culture including Seaweed Cultivation and installation of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) :—

I. For Fish Culture and for Installation of Fish Aggregating Devices		
a. SOUTH ANDAMAN		
Location- 1, off Sri Vijaya Puram	1. 92° 45' E & 11° 42' N North Bay, 0.4km <sup>2</sup> 2. 92° 45'-46' E & 11°34'-38' N Sri Vijaya Puram to Rangachang 7 km <sup>2</sup> in NNE to SSW in belt 1 km wide. 3. 92° 46'-47' E & 11° 42'-47' N North Pt. to Cape Masy 9 km <sup>2</sup> in SN direction. 4. 92° 47'-48' E & 11° 47'-55' N North of Cape Masy, 14 km <sup>2</sup> in SN- Direction.	
Location -2 off Chidiyatapu	1. 92° 41' E & 11° 29' N Mac Pherson straight, 4 km <sup>2</sup> 2. 92° 44'-45' E & 11° 30'-34' N Chidiyatapu to Rangachang 7 km <sup>2</sup> in SSW to NNE belt, 1 km wide.	
Location-3 off Swaraj Dweep	1. 92° 55'-57' E & 12° 01'-03'N Melville Pt. to Stowe, 13 km <sup>2</sup> 2. 92° 55'-57'E & 12° 04'-06'N North of Stowe, W of Nicholson Isl., 13 km <sup>2</sup> . 3. 92° 55'-59'E & 11° 56'-59' N South of Melville Pt., SW of Havelock, 8 km <sup>2</sup> , in 0.9 km wide belt.	
b. MIDDLE ANDAMAN		
Location -1 off Rangat Bay	1. 92°59' - 93° 02' E & 12°25'-28'N Outside Rangat Bay, 29 Km <sup>2</sup> 2. 92°59' - 93° 01' E & 12° 30' -35'N North of Rangat Bay, 32 km <sup>2</sup> . 3. 92°59' - 93°01'E & 12° 35' - 40' N North of Rangat Bay, 24 km <sup>2</sup> . 4. 92° 59' - 93°01' E & 12° 20' -25' N South of Rangat Bay, 32 km <sup>2</sup> .	



Location -2 off Mayabunder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 92° 56' – 59'E &amp; 12° 53' – 55' N Outside Mayabunder Bay, 19 km<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>2. 92° 57' – 59' E &amp; 12° 45'-52' N South of Mayabunder Bay, 29 km<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ol>
<b>c. North Andaman</b>	
Location -1 off Diglipur, Ariel Bay	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 93°04' E &amp; 13° 17'N Aerial Bay, 1 km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>2. 93°04'-05' E &amp; 13° 11' -16' N South of Aerial Bay, 9 km<sup>2</sup> in 1 km wide belt.</li> </ol>
<b>II. For Seaweed Cultivation</b>	
<b>a. South Andaman</b>	
Location -1 Shoal Bay	<p><u>Site 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°53'44.96"N; 92°46'58.14"E</li> <li>2. 11°53'45.02"N; 92°47'5.05"E</li> <li>3. 11°53'38.51"N; 92°46'58.57"E</li> <li>4. 11°53'38.576"N; 92°47'5.321"E</li> </ol> <p><u>Site 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 92°47'2.257"E; 11°53'23.985"N</li> <li>2. 11°53'26.778"N; 92°47'8.219"E</li> <li>3. 11°53'17.96"N; 92°47'5.356"E</li> <li>4. 11°53'21.217"N; 92°47'11.474"E</li> </ol> <p><u>Site 3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°52'57.147"N; 92°47'20.686"E</li> <li>2. 11°52'54.621"N; 92°47'26.844"E</li> <li>3. 11°52'51.214"N; 92°47'18.154"E</li> <li>4. 11°52'48.556"N; 92°47'24.078"E</li> </ol> <p><u>Alternative Site 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°53'57.306"N 92°47'18.06"E</li> <li>2. 11°53'53.291"N; 92°47'20.997"E</li> <li>3. 11°53'47.13"N; 92°47'4.207"E</li> <li>4. 11°53'43.941"N; 92°47'7.981"E</li> </ol> <p><u>Alternative Site 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°53'19.466"N; 92°47'12.209"E</li> <li>2. 11°53'19.961"N; 92°47'31.835"E</li> <li>3. 11°53'12.715"N; 92°47'12.849"E</li> <li>4. 11°53'13.261"N; 92°47'31.532"E</li> </ol>
Location -2 North Bay	<p><u>Site 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°42'0.602"N; 92°44'41.608"E</li> <li>2. 11°42'0.184"N; 92°44'45.981"E</li> <li>3. 11°41'48.316"N; 92°44'42.278"E</li> <li>4. 11°41'48.695"N; 92°44'46.109"E</li> </ol>
Location -3 South Point	<p><u>Site1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°39'31.167"N; 92°45'19.802"E</li> <li>2. 11°39'32.1"N; 92°45'20.801"E</li> <li>3. 11°39'26.628"N; 92°45'24.2"E</li> <li>4. 11°39'27.836"N; 92°45'25.56"E</li> </ol>
Location -4 Kodiyaaghat	<p><u>Site1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°31'58.235"N; 92°43'28.897"E</li> <li>2. 11°31'58.506"N 92°43'31.755"E</li> <li>3. 11°31'44.886"N; 92°43'30.054"E</li> <li>4. 11°31'44.889"N; 92°43'31.942"E</li> </ol>
Location -5 Chidiyatapu	<p><u>Site1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11°29'58.47"N; 92°41'47.90"E</li> <li>2. 11°30'2.55"N; 92°41'50.40"E</li> <li>3. 11°29'42.64"N; 92°42'2.92"E</li> <li>4. 11°29'45.92"N; 92°42'6.48"E</li> </ol>



III. For Marine Pearl Culture	
a. Middle Andaman	
Location 1 - Long Island (near Rangat) in Andaman Sea	1. 12°24'14.96" N & 92°57'22.55" E 2. 12°25'23.95"N & 92°56'32.81"E
Location 2 - Sound Island (near Mayabunder)	1. 12°57'07.52"N & 92°57'34.06"E 2. 12°58'18.01"N & 92°57'11.98"E

Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)  
 Lieutenant Governor (Administrator),  
 A & N Islands.

By order and in the name of Lieutenant Governor,

Sd./-  
 (Ms. Jagtap Kalyani Rajendra, DANICS)  
 Director of Fisheries