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India marked **World Fisheries Day 2025** on **21st November**, celebrating sustainability, blue-economy growth, and improved livelihoods for fishers.

Key Points

- **About:** [World Fisheries Day](#), observed annually on **21st November**, traces its origin to the formation of the **World Fisheries Forum** in **1997**, when delegates from **18 countries** met in **New Delhi** to promote sustainable fishing and safeguard fisher communities, making India the birthplace of this global observance.
- **Theme:** The theme for 2025 is “**India’s Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports.**”
 - Total fish production more than **doubled from 96 lakh tonnes (2013-14) to 195 lakh tonnes (2024-25)**.
 - **Marine product exports** rose by **11.08%**, from **US\$ 0.81 billion (October 2024)** to **US\$ 0.90 billion (October 2025)**.
- **Ranking:** India is the **second-largest [fish-producing country](#)** and among the **world’s top shrimp producers**.
- **Major Initiatives:**
 - The government launched the **National Framework on Traceability in Fisheries & Aquaculture** to ensure **safe, transparent, and globally compliant seafood supply chains**.
 - The [Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the EEZ Rules](#) promote **environmentally responsible deep-sea fishing**, giving **priority access to Fishermen Cooperatives and FFPOs**, enhancing **income opportunities** for small-scale fishers.
 - **ReALCRaft** is a **digital platform** enabling **online registration, licensing, [e-payments](#), and vessel data updates**, with integrated **inspections for [paperless fisheries governance](#)**.
 - **NABHMITRA**, a **two-way [satellite communication system](#)** for small vessels (<20 m), provides **real-time tracking, SOS alerts, and weather updates**, improving **fisher safety** and **coordination with coastal authorities**.