



MSC Certification for Chilika Lake's Mud Crab Fishery

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To boost India's inland fisheries, a joint initiative led by [ICAR-CIFRI \(Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute\)](#) and **Chilika Development Authority (CDA)** aims to secure **Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)** certification for **Chilika Lake's mud crab fishery**.



MSC Certification

- The **Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)** is an **international non-profit organisation** promoting **sustainable fishing** through its **eco-label and certification programme**.
- **MSC certification** is a **globally recognised eco-label** for **wild-capture fisheries** that ensure **sustainable fish stocks**, **low environmental impact**, and **adaptive, effective management**. It promotes **responsible fishing** to secure **healthy oceans** and **sustainable seafood** for future generations.
- The certification enhances **export value**, supports **biodiversity conservation**, and ensures **livelihood security**.
- The **Chilika mud crab** is India's **first inland fishery** nominated for **MSC's sustainability**

certification.

State of India's Fisheries Sector

- India is the **second-largest fish producer**, contributing **8% to global output and 4% in global fisheries exports**. It ranks **second in aquaculture**, **first in shrimp production**, and **third in capture fisheries**.
- **Inland fisheries** account for over **75% of total production**.
- Key fish-producing states include **Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Karnataka**.
- **Government's Initiatives:**
 - [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#)
 - [Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund \(FIDF\)](#)
 - [Marine Products Export Development Authority](#)

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