CIFT TO DESIGN FISHING VESSELS FOR L’DWEEP

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The of Lakshadweep administration has signed a memorandum of agreement with Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) for the consultancy for designing deep sea fishing vessels.

The Lakshadweep administration had recently decided to construct 10 deep sea fishing vessels to increase the tuna catch volume to generate more income for fishermen of the island.

While designing the boats, CIFT with its expertise in vessel design with a thrust on adhering to the safety and ship building experience will focus on tapping the potential of tuna resources in Lakshadweep waters.

Dr. P P Koya, director of fisheries, Lakshadweep and Dr Susheela Mathew, director in charge CIFT, signed the agreement at a function here on Friday.

With the launching of deep sea fishing vessels, fisheries sector in the island will get a major fillip which caters to the livelihood of majority of island population.

The fishermen of the island use ‘pole and line fishing method’ for tuna catching.