

CIFT's refrigerated mobile fish-vending kiosk gets patented

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Kochi-based Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has received the certificate of patent registration for its refrigerated mobile fish vending kiosk.

The certificate of registration of the design has been awarded by the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks as recognition and accreditation to the innovative measures adopted for ensuring hygiene and freshness in retail fish selling.

The Refrigerated Mobile Fish Vending Kiosk has been developed for the purpose of selling fresh fish at the consumers' doorsteps by maintaining it at zero to four degree

Celsius under hygienic conditions. The main components of the kiosk are fish storage and display chamber, hand-operated de-scaling machine, fish dressing deck with inbuilt wash basin, water tank, cutting tool, waste collection chamber and working space.

The cost of a standard kiosk which can display 30 kg of fish and separately store 100 kg of fish in an ice-box is ₹52,000 plus taxes.

The vending kiosks are manufactured and distributed through CIFT-approved empanelled agencies. So far, seven kiosks have been commercialised to various fish vendors in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.