

CIFT launches India's first drone-based marine mammals study

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The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has launched India's first drone-based survey of marine mammals as part of efforts to conserve these endangered species.

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CIFT sources said that this was the first initiative in the country to use drone technology for marine mammal research, providing a significant boost to marine conservation efforts. The study is part of the Marine Mammal Stock Assessment in India project, funded by the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Launched in 2022, the study is set to conclude in March next year, according to CIFT sources.