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**Baseline study for Fisheries Development in Telangana state**

Summary points on Aquaculture

* Aquaculture development in the state is in low key. There are 474 aquaculture ponds covering 784 ha is under this production system and the activities are limited to only a few districts viz., Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Khammam, Sangareddy, Warangal Urban and in study districts viz., Yadadri, Wanaparthy and Mancherial
* Of late, farming of pangasius and Tilapia, native catfishes, murrel and freshwater prawn are picking up under culture based production system in the state. Cage culture of pangasius and tilapia are being pursued in open waters of some selected districts.
* The fish production from aquaculture system is mainly targeted to domestic markets, and is destined for local consumption and local fish markets.
* The contribution of freshwater aquaculture as of now to total fish production of the state is very insignificant.
* Re-circulatory Aquaculture System is a high tech fish production system and is regarded as one of upcoming technology for enhancing fish production.
* The state has policy for registration of new aqua farms and need permission of government.