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Kochi: A memorandum of understanding was signed between Cusat's School of Industrial Fisheries (SIF) and the seafood exporters association of India to help the industry in sustainability certification of coastal and deep-sea seafood resources from the Arabian Sea by providing R&D support.

According to the MoU, both parties will join to meet the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of Indian fisheries through Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification. SIF director S Sabu and Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) consortium chairman A J Tharakan signed the MoU in the presence of Cusat vice-chancellor K N Madhusoodanan and other officials.

The Cusat team and SEAI will jointly facilitate and support research and monitoring to meet the MSC Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) action points. The focus will be undertaking need-specific research and development to support sustainable fisheries of the eight target species -Parapenaeopsis stylifera, Metan naeus dobsoni, Uroteuth vauceli, Sepia pharaoni phioctopus neglectus, teus alcocki (Arabian shrimp), Heterocarpus chani and H.woodmasoni (Thakkali/nylon shrimp) — along Kerala coast. TNN



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