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Interview for Project Associate-I

Interviews are scheduled to be held at **ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi**, for the recruitment of Project Associates (for ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi) under the project titled “**Exploration and inventory of seamount fishery resources with a focus on cephalopod assemblage in the Indian Seas and automated characterization using Artificial Intelligence**”, an MOES funded Project under DOM-Vertical-3.

The eligible candidates fulfilling all the requirements are advised to submit the application form (Annexure I & II) along with their biodata and scanned copies of the original supporting documents (educational qualification & experience) to the email [**dom.seamounts@gmail.com**](mailto:dom.seamounts@gmail.com) on or before **05.08.2026**

Important Notes:

- Only **shortlisted** candidates will be intimated via **e-mail**.
- **Only those candidates who receive official communication** will be permitted to appear for the interview on the specified date.
- This recruitment is **purely temporary**, for a period of **One year four months or until the completion of the project**, whichever is earlier.

Details regarding eligibility criteria, qualifications, and other relevant information are provided below.

Name and number of the post	Project Associate-I (ICAR-CMFRI Kochi (One Post))
Essential qualifications	Master's Degree in Fisheries Science/ Marine Science/ Zoology/ Mariculture/ Marine biology/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, or an equivalent qualification from a recognized University
Desirable Experiences	1. Candidates should be seaworthy and physically fit. 2. Must be proficient in swimming 3. Working experience in fisheries data collection onboard vessels/boats experience in handling marine organisms and oceanographic equipment 4. Experience in fish and shellfish identification and biological studies 5. Experience in Photography, video production and editing; digital data processing 6. Scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals/ technical reports/ popular articles.
Working Conditions	1. Candidate should be willing to work onboard commercial fishing vessels (e.g. trawlers, purse seiners) for multi-nights (> 2 days) sampling operations. 2. Willingness to undertake deep-sea long-duration research cruises in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal for survey and data collection 3. Willingness to travel to different locations along the Indian Coast for surveys and sampling and to go onboard regularly in the commercial fishing vessels/ research vessels. 4. Data entry, data mining, compilation, tabulation, preparation of technical reports, data analysis, image analysis and annotation, scientific documentation and research outputs.
Nature and duration of the post	Post is purely on a contract basis for a period of One year and four months from the date of joining or till the completion of the project whichever is earlier
Age limit	Upper age limit 35 years as on the date of advertisement
Monthly Emoluments (in Indian rupees)	i. 31,000/- + HRA to scholars who are selected through (a) National Eligibility Tests – ICAR/ CSIR-UGC NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or GATE or (b) A selection process through National level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions ii. 25,000/- + HRA for others who do not fall under (i) above
Place of Posting	ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi One Post, and liable to travel anywhere along the Indian coast as per work requirements.

Terms and Conditions:

1. All the original certificates from matriculation must be scanned and submitted on or before **05.08.2026**. Candidates failing to submit the required certificates will not be permitted to appear for the interview.
2. Candidates must produce one valid photo identity proof at the time of interview.
3. Concealing of facts or canvassing in any form shall result in disqualification or termination of candidature.
4. The competent authority reserves the right to terminate the tenure at any time without assigning any reason.
5. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.
6. All the candidates are compulsorily required to submit the signed declaration as detailed in **ANNEXURE-I**, and the duly completed and signed **ANNEXURE-II**, on or before **05.08.2026**. Applications not submitted in the prescribed format will not be considered for the interview.
7. The application, along with all enclosures, should be submitted as a single PDF file.
8. If any of his/her near or distant relative is an employee of the ICAR-CMFRI, the candidate intending to attend the interview must declare his/her name, designation, nature of duties, relationship in writing as detailed in ANNEXURE-I, and communicate to the undersigned on or before **05.08.2026**.
9. The total number of vacancies may vary depending on other project requirements, if any, prevailing on the date of interview.
10. Candidates currently employed must produce a *No Objection Certificate* (NOC) from their present employer, if any.
11. The decision of the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, will be final and binding in all respects.
12. Candidates having marks awarded in the form of CGPA/OGPA should produce the approved conversion table/formula at the time of reporting for interview, failing which their candidature will not be considered.
13. The selected candidates shall not claim for any regular appointments at this institute as the above positions are purely contractual, non-regular, time-bound and are co-terminus with the project.

(Project PI)
ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi

DECLARATION

(To be submitted in advance by candidates whose relative (s) is an employee of ICAR/CMFRI; other candidates will furnish it at the time of interview)

I, declare that none of my near or distant relative(s) is an employee of the Indian Council of Agricultural research (ICAR) / Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, India.

OR

I, declare that I am related to the following individual(s) employed in ICAR/ CMFRI, Kochi, whose name(s), designation, nature of duties and relationship with me is furnished below:

Name:

Designation:

Institute/Organization:

Nature of duties:

In the event of the above-cited information is found to be incorrect or concealing any facts, my candidature to the interview/ selection to the post is liable to be cancelled.

Date and Place:

Signature:

Full Name of the Candidate:

Annexure-II

**Paste your passport
size photograph**

1.	Name of the Applicant (In Block Letters)	:	
2.	Father/ Husband's Name	:	
3.	Weather belongs to SC/ ST/ OBC/ General	:	
4.	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	:	
5.	Age as on 05.08.2026.	:	
6.	Sex (Male / Female/ Transgender)	:	
7.	Address (with pin code)	:	
	a. For Correspondence	:	
	b. Permanent address	:	
8	E-mail ID and Mobile Numbers	:	

10.	Details of Educational Qualification: (In chronological order, starting from 10 th Class onwards including additional degree/ diploma)					
Sl. No.	Exam/ Class/ Degree/ Diploma	Board/Institution/ University	Year of Passing	Subject	Marks* (in Percentage)	Division

** Marks should be calculated in percentage (Marks awarded in the form of CGPA/ OGPA should be converted to percentage based on approved conversion table/ formula)*

11. Details of Working/ Professional Experience (if any):

(Particulars of all previous and present employment, list for which proof is available, enclose self-attested copies of experience)

S.N.	Position Held	Employer	Period		Total Experience (in months)
			From	To	

12. Are you an employee elsewhere? (If Yes, provide the details and NOC from employer):
13. List of Research Papers, Professional Achievements and Additional Information (if any):
- 14 Desirable experience mentioned in the post applied for (if any) :
15. Are you having a Near/ Distant Relative(s) working at ICAR/ CMFRI? (If Yes, must declare it (Annexure-II) and communicate it before the interview date. If communicated or declared on the date of interview, the candidate will not be interviewed. If candidates having No Near/ Distant Relative(s) working at ICAR/ CMFRI will also furnish a declaration in the format given in Annexure-II on the date of interview)
16. Self-declaration regarding truthfulness in application:

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that in the event of any information being found false/ incorrect/ incomplete or ineligibility being detected at any time before or after interview/ selection, my candidature/ appointment may be cancelled or is liable to be rejected without any notice.

Date:

Place:

Signature.....

Full Name of the Candidate.....