

Brief Introduction – Ramesh M.R

Ramesh M.R is an aquaculture professional with over three decades of extensive experience in shrimp farming, seafood processing, and international aquaculture development. He graduated from the College of Fisheries Mangalore (UAS Bangalore) in 1992 and completed his Master's degree in Fish Production and Management from the same institution in 1994.

He began his professional journey with hands-on training in shrimp hatchery management at TASPARC, a sister concern of MPEDA under the Government of India. He then worked as a Hatchery Manager at Pace Seafood Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam, before moving to the west coast as Project Manager with Zee Seafoods, leading the development of a new aquaculture project in Kumta, Karnataka.

With strong field experience, Ramesh established his own shrimp farm in Kumta in 2000, starting with 5 acres and gradually expanding it to 100 acres. Between 2008 and 2020, he gained rich international exposure by working across several countries, particularly in Africa. During this period, he was exposed to advanced aquaculture technologies and practices in countries such as Israel, Thailand, Egypt, and Greece.

Returning to India in 2020, he collaborated closely with the Department of Fisheries, Government of Karnataka, contributing to knowledge transfer and capacity building for officers and farmers. He also provided consultancy services for establishing modern tilapia hatcheries in Bangalore and Mysore.

In 2021, he further strengthened his entrepreneurial journey by developing a 100-acre intensive shrimp farming operation in Kumta, which continues to operate successfully. He has also undertaken international consultancy assignments, including the establishment of a hybrid shrimp farming model in Morocco suited to local environmental conditions.

Ramesh has played a key role in seafood processing as well, having established pasteurized crab processing units in Sri Lanka, Bahrain, and Tunisia. He also owns a crab pasteurization unit in Mangalore, Karnataka, and serves as a Director of Kanara Cage Fish Farmers Company, Kumta.

In addition to his professional contributions, he is a member of the Research Council (External) at KVAFSU, Bidar, and has actively participated in numerous seminars and workshops as a keynote speaker, delegate, and contributor.

Currently, Ramesh M.R serves as the President of the College of Fisheries Alumni Association (COFAA), Mangalore, for the term 2024–2026, continuing his commitment to advancing the aquaculture sector and supporting professional networks.