



State Ministry of Ornamental Fish,
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Multiday Fishing and Fish Exports

National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency
(NARA)



Invitation for Application for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Culturing and Value Addition of Seaweeds in Sri Lanka

National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA) is main Institute functioning under Ministry of Fisheries for implementing research and development tasks in fisheries and other aquatic resources towards rapid and dynamic economic growth in Sri Lanka.

Hereby, NARA invites for EOI from private sector including small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) for partnership projects on culturing, value addition and exporting of seaweed species including *Kapphycus alvarezii*.

Purpose of this project: To lead local industries through partnership projects to earn more revenue from aquatic resources sector by introducing scientific and economically viable technologies for production and value of different seaweed species, and establish value chains for seaweeds destined in export markets while upgrading and creating livelihoods in coastal fisher communities.

Benefits for private sector: NARA will serve as consultative body and the investor will receive all technologies/technical support required in culturing, value addition and exporting of seaweed products together with about appreciable amount of propagules (vegetative parts) of seaweeds for the initial culture cycles of seaweeds.

Private sector parties who are willing to enter memorandum of understanding (MOU) with NARA for said project, should apply for EOI giving concise and accurate information on their companies as relevant on following: a) General information of the company; b) Legal status; c) Amount of capital or net assess value; d) Copies of audited financial statement for the last three years; e) Experience and expertise in seaweed culturing and processing; f) Financial commitment for invest on culture practices and establish infrastructure facilities for processing/value addition.

Please submit your application to the Chairman, National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA), Crow Island, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15, Sri Lanka. Please indicate “Expression of interest for value addition of seaweeds” at the top left hand corner of envelopment.

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