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Travel and Accommodation

Outstation participants will be paid for the onward and return journey restricted to AC-II tier train fare as per rules. Outstation participants will also be provided with accommodation on shared basis.

Eligibility

Assistant/Associate Professors, Scientists/Senior Scientists or equivalent working in the field of fisheries resource management, aquatic environment management, fish genetics, aquaculture, taxonomy, fish health, biotechnology, marine biology, life sciences, and allied fields.

Registration Fee

The shortlisted candidates must pay a registration fee of Rs 50/- (Fifty Rupees only) to the following account.

Account Name: Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies,
Panangad, Kochi

Bank Name: State Bank of India, Branch: Vytilla

Account number: 00000067167440116

IFSC code: SBIN0070517



ICAR-Sponsored Winter School on Aquatic Ecosystem and Biodiversity Conservation: *Genes to Governance*

7th-27th January 2026

Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean
Studies

Kochi, Kerala



Registration Deadline: 17th December 2025



About KUFOS

Accredited with an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) is India's premier institution dedicated to fisheries, aquatic sciences, and ocean studies. Situated in Kochi, Kerala, the fisheries capital of India, KUFOS plays a pivotal role in shaping skilled professionals and advancing scientific knowledge for the aquatic ecosystem sector. Since its establishment in 2010, the University has evolved into a leading centre of excellence in education, research, and policy-oriented outreach related to aquatic environments. KUFOS offers comprehensive undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programmes across four faculties: fisheries science, ocean science and technology, fisheries engineering, and fisheries management. Over the years, it has produced trained graduates who contribute significantly to aquatic biodiversity conservation, environmental governance, and sustainable resource management. Globally acknowledged for its research in aquatic biodiversity, fish systematics, ecosystem health, conservation genetics, and climate-linked ecosystem monitoring, KUFOS remains at the forefront of integrating cutting-edge science with management frameworks. As one of the few Indian institutions with membership in the UArctic Consortium, the University also actively contributes to polar research and global biodiversity dialogues. Through its multidisciplinary research, KUFOS is a vital contributor to national and international efforts in aquatic ecosystem and biodiversity conservation.

Background

This specialised training programme is designed to strengthen the knowledge and technical skills of researchers, and professionals working in aquatic ecosystem and biodiversity conservation. By covering emerging tools such as environmental DNA, biodiversity assessments, ecosystem modelling, GIS, and governance frameworks, the programme provides a comprehensive understanding of how modern science supports effective conservation. Through a blend of lectures and hands-on practical sessions, participants will gain experience in molecular techniques, data analysis, ecosystem evaluation, and policy perspectives, enabling them to address real-world challenges in freshwater, coastal, marine, and island ecosystems. Its interdisciplinary structure ensures that learners can integrate genetic, ecological, technological, and governance-based approaches, making this programme highly valuable for those engaged in biodiversity conservation, environmental management, and sustainable resource governance.

How to apply

Interested participants are requested to email the duly filled application form in the prescribed format to the Course Director/ Course Co-Directors, along with the google form submission.

ICAR-Sponsored 21-Days Winter School Aquatic Ecosystem and Biodiversity Conservation:

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Application form

1. Name :
2. Date of Birth :
3. Educational Qualifications
Degree & College/Institute/University):
 - 1) Bachelors :
 - 2) Masters :
 - 3) Ph.D. :
4. Designation :
5. Discipline/Specialization :
6. Institute & Department :
7. Institute's Address :
8. E-mail ID :
9. Mobile No. :
10. Aadhar Card No. :

Signature of the Applicant with Date

Signature & Seal of the Forwarding Authority

Google form

<https://forms.gle/2SJ6PFHguz7hJ2FA7>

(A maximum of 25 candidates will be selected)