



New Guidelines for Import of Seaweeds

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Recently, the Centre issued the '**Guidelines for Import of Live Seaweeds into India**' to support the **import of [high-quality seed materials](#) or [germplasm](#)**, aimed at enhancing livelihood opportunities for coastal communities.

▪ Guidelines:

◦ **Framework and Procedures for Importing Seaweed:**

- Establishes a regulatory **framework with clear guidelines for live seaweed import into India**, covering quarantine, risk assessment, and post-import monitoring to prevent pests, diseases, and biosecurity risks.
- India's seaweed industry faces challenges from **limited seed availability and quality issues**, especially in the widely farmed [Kappaphycus species](#).

◦ **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):**

- The [PMMSY](#) targets raising **India's seaweed production to over 1.12 million tonnes by 2025**, with major initiatives such as a **Multipurpose Seaweed Park in Tamil Nadu** to bolster seaweed farming.

◦ **Encouragement for Sustainable and Responsible Cultivation:**

- The guidelines encourage **environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial seaweed cultivation**.
- Introducing new strains drives research and development, boosting the production of diverse seaweed species including [red](#), [brown](#), and [green algae](#).

Read More: [National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation](#)

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