

REMUNERATIVE VOCATION OF MUD CRAB *SCYLLA OLIVACEA* FATTENING IN PURBA MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL

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*Science-based improved brackishwater aquaculture practices has contributed to self-employment, rural socio-economic development and prosperity of villagers in coastal districts of West Bengal. Cultivable brackishwater mud crabs *Scylla serrata* and *Scylla olivacea* are valuable crustacean species in export markets, have high demand as delicious seafood item in restaurants in foreign countries, exported from West Bengal in live condition on regular basis after fattening of adults. Field knowledge gained from expert crab farmers of Purba Medinipur district on salient features of *S. olivacea* fattening is genuinely presented.*
