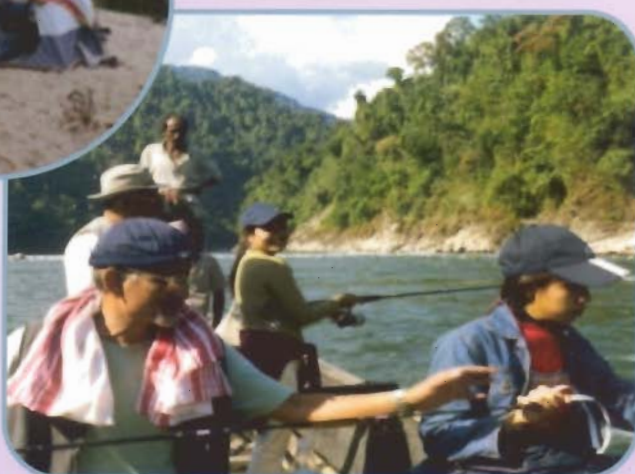


Employment Opportunities Through Fish Based Eco-tourism



Many picturesque valleys, riverbanks, mountains are available for Trout or Mahseer based sport fishery development, which provide opportunities for development of restaurant, transportation, parking, boating and angling facilities.



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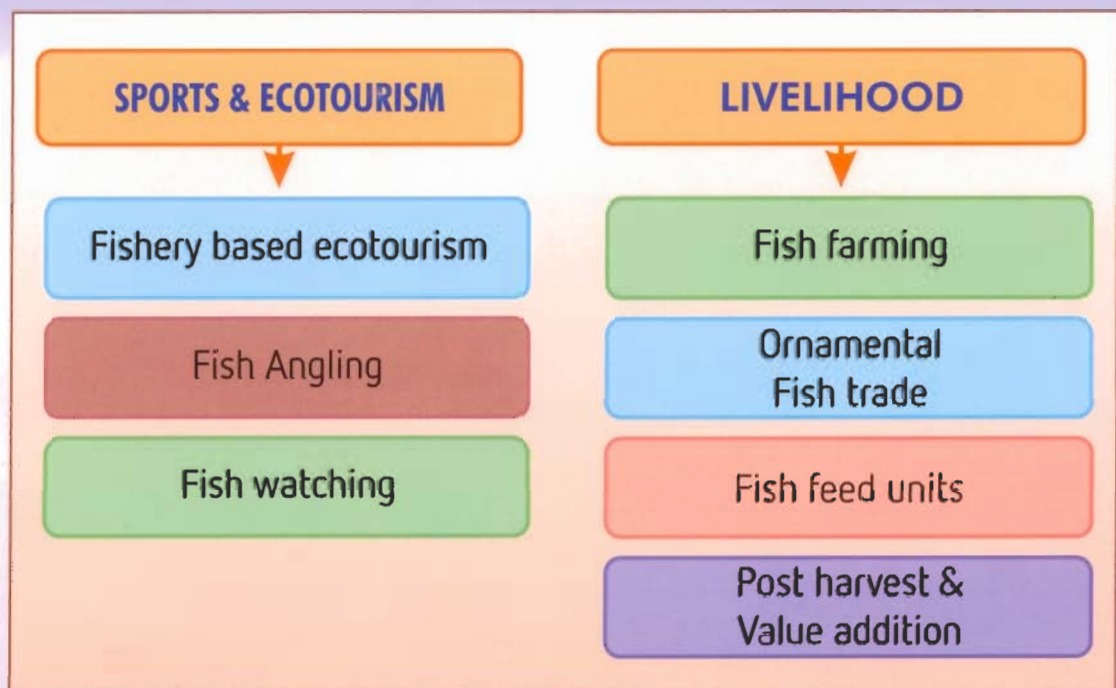
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Fish based eco-tourism is emerging potential area for employment generation. Presently, a few enthusiastic farmers in Kullu-Manali (H.P.) and some high altitude destinations in Sikkim have developed their trout farms located near highways or tourists places as a sport fishery enterprises. They have completely transformed the mode of operation from mere stocking and harvesting to stocking, rearing up to suitable size and angling. Besides the thrill of angling they also provide suitable resting places, eatables and other basic amenities to the wealthy tourists on handsome prices. In similar way a progressive farmer in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand has also developed an excellent exotic carp based sport fishery enterprise (Aqua paradise) with integration of boating and swimming facilities. There is further scope for development of such sport fishery enterprises in the region.





Fish watching

- Tourist are attracted for fish watching in sanctuaries.
- Examples are: Multan (J&K), Rishikesh (UK), Baijnath (UK), Nal Damyanti (UK), Renuka Lake (H.P)
- Provide employment avenues for supplying baits, photography, small food joints.

Angling

- Foreign and Indian tourist are quite enthusiastic about aqua sports like fish angling.
- Examples are: high altitudinal destinations in Kullu-Manali (H.P), Sikkim, Pithoragarh (UK)
- Provide opportunities for infrastructure development, camping units, other ancillary activities in the hill regions for earning/employment

Potential Sites

J & K	Wangath, Doodganga, Lidder, Verinag, Kokarnag Krishnasar, Vishnasar, Gangabal
HP	Rohru, Chirgaon, Mandi, Sandasu, Tikri Dhamvari, Sarvari, Parbati, Sainj, Hurla Tirthan, Largi, Renuka
Uttarakhand	Pancheshwar, Rameswar, Bageswar, Baijnath, Rishikesh, Deval, Deoprayag
NEH states	Pasighat, Yingkiong, Tipi, Bolang, Teju, Daporizo, Ranikaur Ukium Santham, Siom, Nameri, North Sikkim & Down stream of Teesta

- A sustainable form of resource use.
- Environmental conservation.
- Non-consumptive uses of biological resources.
- Socio-economic benefit to the people.
- An emerging area for employment generation.
- Attract lots of tourist from India and abroad.



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