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Bringing Back the Black: An Indian Perspective

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Today India is one of the largest shrimp producers and exporters in the world. India has seen the growth of the black tiger shrimp, *Penaeus monodon*, era and its downfall due to disease and brood stock issues. The introduction of the exotic species, *Litopenaeus vannamei*, has changed the fortune of many in the industry. However, the emergence of diseases, carrying capacity and production issues again resulted in the breakdown of the *L. vannamei* production in India. Seeing the losses in *L. vannamei* farming, farmers are thinking to revert to growing *P. monodon*. This presentation covers all the angles of bringing back the *P. monodon* production and into the market space. Farmer's perspective and preparedness will only decide whether bringing back black tiger shrimp production would prove to be a worthwhile decision or a blunder.



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A pioneer shrimp farming professional having expertise in sustainable shrimp farming. Key person behind the "blue revolution" and transformation of coastal wetland in Surat district of Gujarat into the most viable shrimp farming providing livelihood to thousands of people. 25 years of experience in planning and execution of shrimp farms (satellite concept, cooperatives, cluster farming), and master mapping and designing of large-scale shrimp farming areas. He provides technical training to farmers, including farm bio security and disease prevention. He holds a Master's degree in Fisheries Management from Deemed University, India and a PhD in Fisheries Science (shrimp farming) from Swami Ramanand Teerth University, India. Currently, he is the Director of Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd.

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