

Preface

It is a matter of pleasure and satisfaction for us that the first volume of this book "*Perspectives in Animal Ecology and Reproduction*" published in 2002 has been liked and warmly accepted by experts and workers in these fields throughout the country. Encouraged by the success of the publication of volume I and the good response, we once again requested the distinguished scientists/research workers who have themselves made pioneering and significant contribution to their respective fields of study to contribute their original research papers for publication in the volume II of this book series. The response to our invitation for this book has been overwhelming and the present book is the outcome of a collaborative effort of the experts in these fields. We are therefore, pleased to place before our generous readers the volume II of this book series.

Vast strides have been made in the fields of animal ecology and reproduction in recent years and it is a gigantic task to compile all this information in a single volume. Knowledge of animal ecology and reproduction, their life-cycle strategies and effective conservation of the threatened forms is essential to everyone, directly or indirectly connected with the aquacultural teaching, research and extension. The present volume is the outcome of our extensive teaching, research and extension experience. Well written in simple and lucid manner, comprehensive and up-to-date coupled with clear and suitable photographs and drawings. This volume has been bifurcated into two sections and contains nineteen chapters and each prepared by expert scientists. We are grateful to the contributors for their diligence in preparing their comprehensive and insightful accounts. We are also greatly indebted to our readers for the warm and cordial reception given to the previous volume. Suggestions for further improvement of the book will be thankfully acknowledged in the future edition.

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