

Third Photographic Competition on Women in Fisheries a success

The Partnership for the Development of Kampuchea (PADEK) once more provided support to the Society for the organization of the third photographic competition on *Women in Fisheries* during the 6th Asian Fisheries Forum held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, November, 2001.

The competition attracted 32 entries and most of the winning photograph entries focused on women in aquaculture activities.

The photos that have won the prizes have been featured in a number of fisheries magazines and newsletters, thereby contributing to increased awareness. In view of its successes, PADEK has agreed to continue support for the organization of the 4th Photographic Competition coinciding with the 7th Asian Fisheries Forum scheduled for 2004.

The winning entries were:



First Prize -
Rubiyanto W. Haliman, Indonesia
Knitting a hole for better yield



Second Prize - B.B.Sahu, India
Woman in aquaculture -
a nurse and a conservator



Third Prize - P.K.Sahoo, India
We grow fish for our family



Third Prize -
Md. Gulam Kibria, Vietnam
Women harvesting fish in Bangladesh

ANNOUNCEMENTS



29 -31 October 2002

Den Pasar (a major marine export and fishing port, Bali, Indonesia)

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Offshore mariculture is defined here as at least 30 km (20 nm) or more from land. It is thus beyond the approximate maximum distance that makes daily round trips to service the cages or other containment methods feasible. This leads to the exploration of the principal characteristic of this type of mariculture, which is operational self-sufficiency at sea and reducing the need for runs to shore.

OFFSHORE MARICULTURE

An International Conference to Explore the Feasibility of Farming the Ocean Beyond the Territorial Sea

The conference will be structured around six topics to bring out the key issues: designing the floating farm: a model open-ocean, self-sufficient mariculture array design will act as a trigger for ideas and as a focus for assessments; techniques: inshore vs. offshore; logistics: issues include supply, energy, personnel, security and enforcement, product return to market; environmental and social considerations; law of the sea and other regulations; and economics/business appeal.

Conference proceedings: abstracts and extended summaries of papers presented at the

conference will be available in hard copy/on diskette at the conference; opportunity to publish full papers in refereed Journal of the Society for Underwater Technology; summary of conference discussion sessions published separately and available online on the Society's webpage. Accepted papers will be required by 14 July 2002.

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THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF LARGE RIVERS FOR FISHERIES



SUSTAINING LIVELIHOODS AND BIODIVERSITY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

11th -14th February 2003
Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Rivers and their social, cultural, economic and ecological importance, remain grossly neglected or under-valued. Production from inland fisheries is thought to be 2 to 5 times higher than the officially reported value. River fish and fisheries only came under serious scrutiny in the 1970s and the knowledge then available was summarized at the International Large River Symposium (LARS) held in Canada in 1985. Since then, considerable new information has been gathered on the ecology and values of rivers. In view of the importance of large rivers for food production and the current emphasis on the protection of biological diversity worldwide, it is timely that a second international symposium focusing specifically on large rivers be organized. The Symposium is being convened by the Mekong River Commission (MRC) and the Cambodian Department of Fisheries (DOF), in collaboration with the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Symposium are to:

- provide for people working on the management and development of rivers a forum to review and synthesize the current status of large rivers systems, covering topics such as ecology, fisheries, environmental impact assessments, multiple uses of resources and associated socio-economic considerations;
- raise the political, public and scientific awareness of the importance of river systems, the living aquatic resources they support and the people that depend upon them;
- contribute to better management, conservation and restoration of the living aquatic resources of large rivers. The Symposium will focus on the management (i.e. conservation and sustainable use) of living aquatic resources of large rivers, including the impacts of human activities on these.



TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

- Session 1. Status of Rivers
- Session 2. Valuation of River Fisheries
- Session 3. Fisheries Ecology and Conservation
- Session 4. Management of Inland Fisheries
- Session 5. Statistics and Information
- Session 6. International Mechanisms Dealing with Rivers
- Session 7. Synthesis



Call for papers

Abstracts should concisely describe the work undertaken, results, conclusions and recommendations. Submitted abstracts will be assessed by the Scientific Committee to determine if they are to be accepted as resource papers for panel discussions or posters. Papers will be published in the Proceedings. The abstract submission deadline has passed but late contributions will be considered. Please contact the LARS2 Coordinator for more information.

More Information

For more information, please consult the web site www.lars2.org or contact the following:
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