
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIC AQUACULTURE AND SEA FARMING 2003

Global Technical and Trade Conference and Inforfish/Vietfish Aquaculture Expo
In conjunction with VIETFISH 2003 INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES EXHIBITION

15-17 June 2003
Legend Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam

The Global technical and Trade Conference is organized by FAO, INFOFISH, Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers VASEP in collaboration with SIPPO, Naturland and a number of International and inter governmental organizations.

Sea farming is a significant contributor to organic aquaculture production. This international

technical and trade conference will take a closer look at the latest developments in important areas such as:

- Industry Situation and Outlook: The Latin America experience in organic aquaculture;
- Markets and Marketing: Focusing on European and American markets, Japanese organic aquaculture products, markets in Asia, Australia and new Zealand;
- Technological Developments and Issues: the UK experience in

developing standards for organic fish farming.

The VIETFISH exhibition is an annual trade show that will showcase the goods and services of those involved with the aquaculture sector. This exhibition is expected to be the largest ever, attracting exhibitors from the global fisheries industry.

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AAPQIS – Africa Chapter

WorldFish Center and Food and Agriculture Organization are working together to make the Aquatic Animal Pathogen and Quarantine Information System (AAPQIS) - **Africa chapter** - the major *networking venue* for Aquatic Animal Health information exchange in Africa. Please refer to AAPQIS website for more information <http://203.101.155.227/DEFAULT.HTM>

At this point we need:

- Names and contact information of scientists/others interested in aquatic animal health in Africa.
- Names and contact information of laboratories, research centers, university research departments, national institutions, regional bodies and networks, etc., working on aquatic animal health in Africa.

Let's advance Africa's aquatic

animal health information exchange and networking capabilities.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Prawns and Prawn Fisheries of India

By C.V. Kurian and V.O. Sebastian

After four bestseller editions and several reprints, now the 5th edition has been further enlarged with updated description of species based on their most recent international nomenclature. From 1976, this study has evolved from its marine

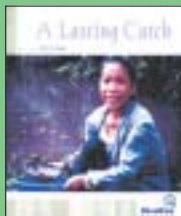
origin to freshwater culture. This book relates Shrimps through its traditional name "Prawns and Prawn Fisheries of India" due to the wide popularity and readership of the name of this book.

"Principally written for students in fishery science, this book also gives a fair amount of material of a higher level about the prawn fishing methods used in India. For that

reason, it should be consulted by scientists involved in prawn fishing in tropical countries, particularly in the Indo-pacific area." -Bulletin of Marine Sciences

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A Lasting Catch

By Ebbe Schiøler

How do you make a decent living if you have a partner and four children but only one-fifth of an acre of land? Ask Sumitra Biswas from southeastern Bangladesh. She will advise you to follow the route she did, and take a training course in fish farming especially for women. This made her the local fish-farming expert, and led her and her husband to change their farm routines totally, securing a stable future for the family.

Now and again, in the middle of the depressingly dry Malawian

countryside, you might stumble across green and bountiful farmsteads. Why? Probably because the owners, like Friday Nikoloma who farms in the area bordering Mozambique, have irrigated their land with surplus water from fish ponds. This means that the fields are productive all year round, and has enabled the owners to do more than survive in drought-stricken years.

A few years ago, small farmers suddenly began queuing up to buy fingerlings (baby fish) from the Nawatrilap hatchery in central Thailand. They wanted to fatten them up at home and sell them. But why the sudden change in demand? Because an improved type of tilapia was introduced a few years back, meaning that fish farmers can now depend on seeing faster growth, a better survival rate, and even a better market price. So, little wonder that two out of three farmers are now

going for the new fish.

These and the many other stories told in this book stands modern science in action in the field. Meet fishers and fish-farmers in African and Asian villages, women, men and even children, and see how their improved livelihoods are linked to a quarter century of targeted work by the WorldFish Center in A Lasting Catch. To order: Communications Unit, WorldFish Center, Jalan Batu Maung, Batu Maung, 11960 Bayan Lepas, Penang, Malaysia. Tel: (60-4) 6261606; Fax: (60-4) 626 5530; Email: worldfishcenter@cgiar.org

Released on the occasion of the 25th Annivesary of WorldFish Center, "A Lasting Catch" also provides an overview of significant milestones in the past 25 years of the history of WorldFish Center formerly ICLARM - The World Fish Center.



Global Symposium on Women in Fisheries

Edited by M.J. Williams, N.-H. Chao-Liao, P.S. Choo, K. Matics, M.C. Nandeesh, M. Shariff, I. Siason, E. Tech and J.M.C. Wong

The role of women in fisheries has often been looked at from a post harvest perspective. The notion that women are not just marginal players but active participants in the fisheries production process is not new. However, the fact that there exists little information, about

women and their existing roles in the fisheries sector, is something that cannot be denied. Further, the shift in thinking from women in fisheries to gender in fisheries is also an area that deserves attention. It was with the idea of examining these issues and addressing gender related concerns in the sector that a Global Symposium on Women in Fisheries was convened by the Asian Fisheries Society as part of the 6th Asian Fisheries Forum held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan between 25 to 30 November 2001.

After the failures in many of the development projects planned by international agencies in the 1960s and 1970s, where women were excluded in the planning and implementation phase, experts realized that the sustainability of projects require the participation from both men and women—not as man or woman per se, but as a community.

While most of the papers presented

provided baseline information on women in fisheries across the world, this Symposium provided opportunities for discussion on the pertinent issues, and planning the way to take these issues forward. This Symposium and the earlier one, although largely focusing on women, raised several gender issues, among which were the involvement of communities in the *sapyaw* fishery in the Philippines, and the vulnerability of fishers and their families to HIV/AIDS.

This Proceedings is by no means the definitive work on women in fisheries at the global level. Such a work is not yet possible given the dearth of data and lack of developed methods for studying the field. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this Proceedings will be another waypoint along the road, contributing towards better comprehension of some of the issues.