

## Conference on organic aquaculture and sea farming

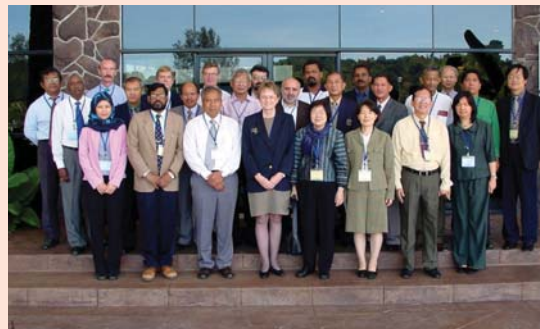
INFOFISH, FAO and the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers released the full announcement of the 'Organic Aquaculture and Sea Farming 2003 – Global Technical and Trade Conference and Exhibition'. The conference and exhibition which will be held on 15-17 June 2003 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam will look into the latest developments in organic aquaculture and sea farming. The program will include in-depth analysis of the problems and potential of organic aquaculture. The topics that will be discussed in the conference sessions include: (i) industry situation and outlook; (ii) production and processing (case studies); (iii) markets and marketing; and (iv) technological developments and issues.

Exporters, processors, traders, farmers, supplier of goods and services, industry leaders, government officials, policy makers, potential investors, environmentalists and all others interested are expected to attend the conference.

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## Aquatic resources research managers/planners from Asia-Pacific Group of Fisheries and Aquatic Research meet in Penang

As a follow-up to the Asia-Pacific Group of Fisheries and Aquatic Research (GoFAR) Training Workshop on Research Priority Setting for Aquatic Resources Management organized in 2001, the 'Third GoFAR Meeting' was held in Penang, Malaysia from 3-5 November 2002 in conjunction with the Summit to launch the Fish For All initiative and the WorldFish Center Day. The meeting was supported by the Asia-Pacific Association of Agriculture Research Institutions (APAARI), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the WorldFish Center. The meeting was attended by 36 research scientists/managers from 16 countries (Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) and representatives of regional (NACA, SEAFDEC, ASEAN Sub-Committee on Marine Sciences and Technology and Secretariat of the Pacific Community - SPC) and international organizations (FAO, Support Unit for International Fisheries and Aquatic Research - SIFR and



Participants of the Third GoFAR meeting held in Penang, Malaysia, November 2002

WorldFish Center).

The meeting reviewed the activities of existing networks/organizations in the Asia-Pacific region and defined the role and directions for GoFAR. It was felt that while there are a number of networks for addressing bio-physical aspects of management of aquatic resources, there is no network to deal with related social and economic issues. The participants recognized that improvement in research management is crucial to ensure maximizing benefits from available resources (human and financial) and that networking among various institutions and initiatives in the region is essential.

## Training course on management of sustainable aquafarming systems

The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/AQD) will hold a training course on 'Management of Sustainable Aquafarming Systems' in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines from 4 June-3 July 2003. The course aims to provide participants with technical knowledge and skills on grow-out culture of fish (milkfish,

grouper), crustacean (shrimp, mud crab), mollusc (oyster, mussel) and seaweed (*Gracilaria*, *Kappaphycus*) so that they will be able to grow the above-mentioned species in a sustainable and environment-friendly manner. The expected participants are SEAFDEC/AQD's clientele – fishpond owners/managers and technicians, extension officers, fishery teachers and

aquaculturists.

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## World Aquaculture 2003

The World Aquaculture Society, in collaboration with the National Organizing Committee in Brazil, is organizing the 'World Aquaculture 2003' conference from 19-23 May 2003 in Salvador, Brazil. The conference which will be attended by aquaculture scientists worldwide will focus on: (i) global issues – economy and environment; (ii) sustainable

production systems; (iii) marine and freshwater finfish culture; (iv) crustacean culture; (v) mollusk culture; and (vi) overview of aquaculture in Brazil and Latin America. The program will cover many of the species involved in aquaculture around the world as well as addressing the issues and concerns facing the aquaculture industry.

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