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Malaysian aquaculture zone planned

Rivers in the Gelang Patah zone of Malaysia are planned to be turned into an aquaculture zone following the application to the Rural Development Ministry two years ago by the Johor Baharu Selatan Farmers Organisation (PPJBS). Twenty-five operators are expected to take part in the project operating on the Sungai Simpang Arang, Sungai Pulai and Sungai Redang rivers. Already, 19 fish breeding ponds exist, capable of producing 1.5 million fry annually such as merah (red snapper), gerung belang (striped trevally), senangin (threadfin) and siakap (sea perch). *Source: BERNAMA, Malaysian National News Agency, August 14, 2002*

Philippine plan to develop more lobster farms

Following the success of its mariculture park and to further develop food security, the Island Garden City of Samal (Igacos) is to develop lobster farms in Babak. Although still in the early stages, the plan is to install cages in a mariculture park. The 10 million Peso park will be developed with the assistance of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Other mariculture parks have recently given Samal the Best Practices Award by the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) for innovative schemes for job creation, food security, sustainable development and the protection of marine resources. *Source: Business World Publishing Corporation, August 5, 2002.*

US funds Vietnamese shrimp breeding project

Work has begun on a US\$ 5 million shrimp breeding project in Hai Phong, Vietnam. The ten-year project is intended to create 1,000 jobs and over

2,000 tonnes of shrimp per year. Funded by American Technologies Inc (ATI), the project will encompass all life stages from breeding to exporting to American markets. The 846 ha project will be conducted in two stages, building the initial ponds and infrastructure then later expanding. However, not all local farmers are happy, stating that compensation for land was less than their initial investment in it. (Source: *Asia Pulse*, August 15, 2002)

New publications

Fisheries Subsidies

Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

This report reviews the issues surrounding subsidization of the fishing industry throughout the world and also in an Australian context. The report reviews the type and level of subsidies employed and current activity and issues in relation to disciplining subsidies. The report is available as a free download (PDF 43 pages 97KB) from http://www.abareconomics.com/htdocs/pages/freepubs/free_fisheries.htm

Import competitiveness

Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

This report provides a profile of edible fisheries products imports into Australia, the role of imports in domestic seafood consumption and the competitiveness of commodities such as live and plate fish, white fillet fish and crustaceans against Australian wild-caught product. The report also examines the profitability of selected aquaculture species including salmonids, Asian seabass, shrimp, mussels and some native freshwater fishes. It contains some very useful statistics and trends on these areas. Available as a free download (PDF 49 pages, 336KB) from http://www.abareconomics.com/htdocs/pages/freepubs/free_fisheries.htm

STREAM Workshop on Process Monitoring and Significant Change Report

The aim of the STREAM programme is to offer support to the livelihoods of poor people who manage aquatic resources through an inclusive approach. The aim of the workshop was to familiarize participants with the work being done in process monitoring and significant change; discussion and development of a practical information system that enables monitoring of development processes and significant changes occurring within the STREAM initiative; and learning to inform STREAM implementation and other stakeholders; and to explore how this will work in practice. Available as a free download from the NACA website www.enaca.org/publications.htm (PDF 327 KB, 53 pages), or order through the NACA Secretariat (contact publications@enaca.org).

First STREAM Regional Conference Report

This report describes the proceedings and outcomes of the first regional conference of the Support to Regional Aquatic Resource Management program (STREAM). Issues covered include strategies, processes and practices; livelihoods; policy and institutional development; and communications aspects of the program. Available as a free download from the NACA website www.enaca.org/publications.htm, (PDF 766 KB, 25 pages) or order through the NACA Secretariat (contact publications@enaca.org).

Report on the formalization of an Asia-Pacific Marine Finfish Aquaculture Network

This is the report of a sub-section of 'Collaborative APEC-NACA Grouper Aquaculture Network' project on 'Formalization of an Asia-Pacific Marine Finfish Aquaculture Network'. The aims of the formalization are to create a strong network of research institutes and experts that are actively involve in grouper and other marine finfish R & D in the region; resources sharing through cooperation in order to make maximum use of limited resources; and improve information