- Avoid disposing any form of SPW either dried or wet into freshwater aquatic environments.
- SPW disposal areas should not be near freshwater sources that are shared by other resource users.
- SPW should be recycled to use in pond where possible.

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# What's New on the Web

## www.developmentgateway.com

This website is very useful for those people involved in all aspects of development – I would have to say it is one of the best designed portal websites I've ever seen. The Development Gateway is an interactive portal for information and knowledge sharing on sustainable development and poverty reduction. The site is available in English, French and Spanish languages. The website has been established by the Development Gateway Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based initially in Washington DC. Its core objectives are to reduce poverty and support sustainable development through the use of information and communication technologies (ICT).

The most outstanding feature of this site is its Ideas and Knowledge Sharing function, which contains information-rich pages with news, statistics, calendars, grants, discussion groups, country reviews and many other resources covering a wide range of development topics, including e-learning, food security, gender and development, indigenous knowledge, information and communication technology for development, micro finance, poverty, water resources development and many more. You can subscribe to a very comprehensive email alert service that will inform you when a new item is added.

Another useful tool offered by the gateway is a comprehensive searchable database of development projects,

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## Adviser (Training and Technology Transfer)

# to Aquaculture Components: Bangladesh

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Background The Danida supported Agricultural Sector Programme Support (ASPS) comprises 13 components within aquaculture, animal husbandry, agriculture, and institutional support. The Adviser will work with three aquaculture components in the districts of Mymensingh, Noakhali and Patuakhali, under the supervision of a Danida Senior Adviser placed in a Fisheries Programme Support Unit (PFSU) in the Department of Fisheries.

#### Tasks

The Adviser will offer advice to all 3 aquaculture components on socio-economic aspects of development. The tasks will inter alia comprise

- Develop a programme and work plan for measuring the social and economic development of the target groups
- Supervise methods and systems used in measuring social and economic achievements with special focus on vulnerable groups and women
- Ensure that the collection of data on the predefined indicators are sufficient to form a solid basis for the assessment of the impact on the target groups
- Develop methods to promote active target group participation in the monitoring and evaluation of th impact achieved by the components
- Supervise training of the technical staff at the 3 components in socio-economic methods
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  To the extent possible provide socio-economic assistance to the Danida supported Smallholder Livestock Development Component of the ASPS.

Qualifications

- M.Sc. in fisheries biology or a related topic, combined with knowledge of socio-economic issues related to aquaculture in developing countries. Alternatively a university education in social sciences combined with documented knowledge of smaller agriculture and aquaculture development projects in developing countries
- Experience in planning socio-economic studies and monitoring systems targeted at measuring the impact of improved fish production.

#### Duty station

Noakhali (Maljdee) with frequent travel to other districts.

#### Employment conditions

Contract for 2 years. Extension may be considered. Salary based on family status. Benefits include housing, reimbursement of school fees, health services, travel expenses, insurance and pension scheme.

Date of availability As soon as possible

Closing date

Interviews are planned for week 2/2003.

Danida application form (mandatory) and additional information may be obtained by stating your full name, address and Recruitment Number 2002/BAN.11 to

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searchable by country and topic. This complements a series of 'Country Development Gateways', which have an emphasis on activities in particular participating nations. I visited a few and found them considerably less useful than the main site, but if you are working in a particular region they may be a useful way of finding out what is going on in your area.

The site also offers a virtual 'procurement market' where participating development agencies (such as the World Bank) advertise tenders for development projects. This section of the site is (disapointingly) not entirely free – you can see the summaries but if you want the full information you have to pay a subscription fee. I suspect that if you take the trouble to visit the source organization's website you can probably get the same information for nothing.

# Shrimp email discussion list

Recently I subscribed to the 'Shrimp' email discussion group hosted through Yahoo Groups. This is 'a mailing list for those involved in all aspects of the shrimp farming industry'. I have to say that this is a really excellent resource for shrimp farmers everywhere. The discussion group has about 800 members from across the globe and most of the postings appear to be from people actively engaged in shrimp farming, with contributions from a few scientists as well. The group operates in a friendly and constructive manner with participants happy to answer questions and share experience on shrimp farming issues. You can subscribe to the group by visiting http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shrimp/. There are a lot of postings so make sure you subscribe in 'digest mode'.