



## FAO Aquaculture e-Bulletin

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### **Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010**

Preparatory work for the Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 is progressing well: the Conference organization (International Organizing Committee, International Programme Committee, Local Organizing Committee and Drafting Committee) is now formed and the official Conference Web site will soon be available.

If you wish to be included in the Conference mailing list and receive regular updates, please contact the Conference Secretariat at: [Aqua-Conference2010@fao.org](mailto:Aqua-Conference2010@fao.org)

### **Recent FAO Aquaculture publications**

#### **RAIS – Regional Aquaculture Information System user manual**

The Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS) user manual, produced in English and Arabic, provides all RAIS authorized users a better understanding on how the newly-launched information system works and how to exploit all its functionalities.

Visit the RAIS Web site at: <http://www.raisaquaculture.net/>

### **FAO Aquaculture Newsletter Issue 41 (FAN 41)**

FAN 41 contains an editorial on biosecurity, news on FAO Technical Cooperation Projects and Unilateral Trust Fund projects; outcomes of the Fourth Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture

and the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture Technical Workshop on Aquatic Animal Health; articles the impact of rising feed ingredient prices on aquafeed (focussing on Asia and Europe) and a strategic review of aquaculture extension in Tanzania.

Watch out for the next edition of FAN, to be published next month.

## **FAO Aquaculture projects**

**Assistance to Western Balkan Countries for Improving Compliance with International Standards for Aquatic Animal Health** – this new Technical Cooperation Programme Facility project (TCP/RER/3206), aimed Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, has four main activities: (1) a regional survey of aquatic animal health capacity; (2) regional field assessment of national competent authorities, laboratories and private aquaculture enterprises; (3) preparation of a regional proposal to cover aspects of risk analysis; disease surveillance, monitoring and reporting; disease diagnostics (including regional reference laboratories); information and networking; and targeted capacity building; and (4) a regional workshop to build consensus and finalize a regional proposal.

**Support to the development of desert aquaculture and management of the brackish water lakes in Algeria** - ongoing TCP Facility project (TCP/ALG3103) assists the Algerian government in promoting the development of rural aquaculture in two selected and to evaluate the potential use of Artemia present in the Algerian brackish water bodies.

**Risk assessment in aquaculture development in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** – a new TCP Facility project (TCP/MIC/3201(D)) focusses on three main activities: a review of national aquaculture development, particularly with regards to species introductions and transfers and movement of aquatic species in FSM; building capacity on risk analysis as a decision-making tool through a national workshop; and preparing four risk analysis case studies for pearl oysters (Ponhpei

Island), giant clam and mangrove crab (Kosrae Island), and sea cucumber (Yap Island) – all of which will form the basis for developing national guidelines on risk assessment.

**Formulation of a Legal Framework for Inland fisheries and aquaculture, a Strategic Framework for Aquaculture Development and a Development Plan for Inland Fisheries for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania** – this project TCP/MAU/3103 (D) supports the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy (MPEM) in Nouakchott, Mauritania in the formulation of a legal framework for inland fisheries and aquaculture; a strategic framework for aquaculture development; and a development plan for inland fisheries (including a digital map for inland waters illustrating fish landing sites). It should be completed by the end of this year.

### **Finland gives €1.76m for FAO fishery programme in Kyrgyzstan**

Finland and FAO have signed a 1.76 million euro Trust Fund Project to improve fisheries and aquaculture management in the Kyrgyz Republic during the period 2009-2012. The project aims to increase the capacity of the fisheries sector to generate food, employment and income for the rural population in an environmentally sustainable manner. It will introduce management improvements to aquaculture and capture fisheries and support modern fish processing and marketing in Kyrgyzstan. Project activities will include: increasing fisheries and aquaculture research, strengthening the management capacity of Kyrgyzstan's Department of Fisheries, establishing a national Capture Fisheries Management plan, constructing new fish processing facilities and improving the marketing of fish products.

### **Web sites**

#### **Aquaculture Gateway**

The three Aquaculture Fact Sheet collections – accessed through the Aquaculture Gateway – continue to grow in number and quality:

- [National Sector Aquaculture Overview \(NASO\)](#)

- [National Legislation Aquaculture Overview \(NALO\)](#)
- [Cultured Aquatic Species](#)

To date 97 NASOs, 42 NALOs and 50 Cultured Aquatic Species and more than 100 translations of the same Fact Sheets in five FAO official languages are available online.

**GISFish Newsletter** – the May 2009 issue on the Global Gateway to GIS, Remote Sensing and Mapping for Aquaculture and Inland Fisheries (GISFish) announces increased coverage of abstracts and full papers. Since January nearly 100 records have been scanned and uploaded in the publications section of GISFish. These records cover the period 1985–2001 and provide valuable historical information, particularly reviews of the literature for postgraduate theses and field projects.

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