

Farewell to Mr Benedict Satia



During the last days of November 2004, Mr Benedict P. Satia, Chief, International Institutions and Liaison Service (FIPL), retired after almost 13 years of service in the Organization.

Mr Satia, a Cameroon national, received a Ph.D. in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington, Seattle in 1973 and later worked in that University as Assistant Professor of Fisheries. On return to Cameroon, he was appointed Head of the Aquaculture Service in the Ministry of Agriculture and in 1979 was appointed Deputy-Director of Fisheries in the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries. He opted for early retirement from the Cameroon Public Service in February 1992.

He joined FAO in March 1992 as Programme Coordinator of the Regional Project "Programme for Integrated Development of Artisanal Fisheries in West Africa" which covered 20 countries from Mauritania to Angola.

In 1996, he was appointed Chief, International Institutions and Liaison Service at FAO headquarters.

In this capacity, he was also Secretary of the FAO Committee on Fisheries as well as of the Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research (ACFR). As an expert, he had already served as a member of ACFR, between 1980 and 1989.

During its Fifth Session, in October 2004, the Advisory Committee expressed particular praises for the work of Benedict Satia reflecting thus the views of his own colleagues and of the Department.

In addition to his solid formation, completed by comprehensive and variegated professional experience, Benedict Satia has always shown a high level of commitment, both as a team leader and as an expert in the matters dealt with by his Service and the Department. A man of high standards, good natured and cordial, he has been always well respected and liked by his colleagues, who will miss him very much after his retirement but are certain that he will continue contributing in other capacities to the work of the Organization and of the Fisheries Department.

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