

# The Regional Ad hoc Training on Trout Culture

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Fethiye, Turkey*

The regional ad hoc training on trout culture was successfully held under the coordination of Mr. Ozgur Altan, FISHDEV aquaculture expert. The training was designed as a fully practical training with the close cooperation of Alka Trout Company Ltd. and Azer Altin Trout Company Ltd. whose total capacity exceeds 3500 tones/year. The main trainers were Mr. Altan, the general coordinator of the cooperating companies Mr. Fuat Tomgisi, and aquaculture engineers who are responsible for the production activities in the farms. Totally eight participants from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan received a very intensive five days training. The workshop was conducted with Turkish-Russian simultaneous interpretation.

The main subjects of the training consisted of spawning brood stocks, incubation, hatchery management, pond management, feeding, grading and transportation. The participants had the opportunity to try different methods used at the three fish farms at practical trainings. They also had the opportunity to ask questions to learn more about the tricks of the trout culture.

The cooperating companies with their high level facilities and experienced technical experts provided perfect background to the training. The participants were also committed to learn and gain new knowledge made the training one of the best events of FISHDEV.

A study tour was organized on the final day of the training to Oren region of Fethiye, where 20% of the Turkish trout have been produced for years (around 20 thousand tonnes/year). The participants had the opportunity to learn about fish farms and production methods (e.g. pond culture) that varies farm to farm.

The awareness of the companies and the fish farms were quite high and they were happy to cooperate with FAO. The representatives of the companies also learned about the role of FAO in Central Asia and expressed their openness to future cooperation with the Organization in support of organizing similar trainings. The company representatives also introduced their work plan for the coming years. Among other interesting information, we have learned about Alka Trout Company's new an investment programme on fish feed plant for the Central Asia, which will start in next year, and another partner is considering to find clear water resources in one of the Central Asian countries to make an investment on trout culture.