Welcome to this April 2018 edition of the FAO Aquaculture e-bulletin covering our most recent news, publications, technical workshops and projects for the period October 2017 to April 2018. We hope that this information can be also useful to you in your own aquaculture work.

This newsletter presents just a selection of what we do and we encourage you to visit our website www.fao.org/fishery/aquaculture to find out more or to contact by e-mail the officers of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department’s Aquaculture Branch (FIAA) responsible for the various activities.

**Highlights**

- **On 20 March 2018, the FAO’s Global Aquaculture Production Quantity and Value Statistics** were published online with the time series updated to cover 67 years from 1950 to 2016 (value data from 1984 to 2016). There are statistical details significantly improved retroactively for some back years for some countries, including a few global and regional major producing countries. Three new separate datasets (Capture, Aquaculture, and combined Total Production) are openly accessible to all data users and can be consulted through FishStatJ or through online query panels.
  
  Revealed by the latest data, the global aquaculture production (including aquatic plants) in 2016 was 110.2 million tonnes, valued at USD 243.5 billion. This total production included 80.0 million tonnes of food fish (finfish, crustaceans, molluscs and other animal species) and 30.1 million tonnes of aquatic plants (mostly seaweeds).

  Information: X. Zhou

- **Development of Mariculture Sector in Zanzibar.** Since June 2016, FAO Tanzania has been implementing a USD 3.2 million trust fund aquaculture project in Zanzibar (GCP/URT/146/ROK) that will run for three years. Funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), this project includes capacity building in aquaculture, construction and operation support of a hatchery, aquaculture value-chain development, and a public-private partnership component.

  On 20th April 2018, the Mariculture Hatchery will be officially inaugurated by His Excellency, Hon. Seif Ali Iddi, Second Vice President of Zanzibar. The event will also be attended by Ms Mi-Kyung Lee, President of KOICA, Dr Manuel Barange, FAO Director of the
Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, and Mr Fred Kafeero, FAO Representative in Tanzania.

Information: A. Menezes

- **The Thirty-third Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)** runs from 9-13 July 2018 and will take place at FAO, Rome. Delegations from FAO Member States, UN Specialized Agencies and Related Organizations, and Intergovernmental organizations/Non-governmental organizations, have been invited to attend this session of COFI. The week dedicated to COFI envisions a full agenda of discussions and decisions on various topics of interest, including:
  
  - Presentation of the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2018.
  - Progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (the Code) and related instruments.
  - Decisions and recommendations of the Sixteenth Session of the *COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade*, Busan, the Republic of Korea, 4-8 September 2017.
  - Decisions and recommendations of the Ninth Session of the *COFI Sub-Committee on aquaculture*, Rome, 24-27 October 2017.
  - Fisheries and Ocean Governance that includes: (i) Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing; (ii) Small-Scale and Artisanal Fisheries Governance; and (iii) Global and regional ocean processes.
  - The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
  - Climate Change and other environment related matters.
  - FAO's Programme of Work in fisheries and aquaculture under the FAO Strategic Framework.
  - Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Committee.

Information: COFI Secretariat

- **New pen drive containing FAO aquaculture publications produced during the period 1999 to 2017**

  More than 1200 publications related to aquaculture, including technical papers, circulars, FAO reports, CD-ROMs, web-based products and newsletters, in both hard and electronic versions and in various FAO official languages have been published and distributed worldwide during 1999-2017 period, in both hard and electronic versions. Publications have been assembled on this pen drive as Portable Document Format (PDF) files, in order to make them easily available, searchable and printable to all users especially those with limited access to the Internet.

  The majority of FAO aquaculture publications are accessible at the following [web link](#).

Information: V. Crespi

- **The Aquaculture Branch of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department has published the FAO Aquaculture Newsletter (FAN) 58.** FAN is issued two times a year. It presents articles and views from the FAO aquaculture programme and highlights various aspects of aquaculture as seen from the perspective of both headquarters and the regional and subregional offices in the field.
**Publications**


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**Web-based products**


- FAO 2018 online article: *"Every drop counts"*. [In six languages]  Information: V. Crespi

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**Projects and activities**

- Project OSRO/GAZ/703/ITA - *Strengthening resilience and livelihoods of Gazan fishing communities through promoting the establishment of a marine cage farming social business.* FAO West Bank is intending to design, deliver, install, and provide initial operational and technical support to an optimal off-shore demonstration 'turn-key' fish cage farm of 150 metric tonnes annual production capacity in the Gaza Strip.  Information: H. Fersoy and V. Crespi

- Use of non-conventional water in agriculture in support to sustainable agri-aquaculture development in desert and arid lands in the Near East and North Africa region, the cases of Algeria, Egypt and Oman. The main objective of this project is to promote and develop national awareness and technical capacities on effective sustainable use of non-conventional water for integrated agriculture-aquaculture production systems.  Information: V. Crespi

- GCP/KYR/012/FIN - *Towards Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries Development in the Kyrgyz Republic* (originally scheduled to end in March 2018) has been extended for two years to 31 March 2020 with additional funding support (EUR 700 000) from the donor (the Government of Finland). The extension phase will focus on (i) further enhancing Kyrgyzstan fish farmers’ technical capacity and business skills, (ii) strengthening fish farmers association and (iii) streamlining governance (including biosecurity) and regulatory framework. The project will also pay more attention to gender and environmental issues in
sustainable aquaculture and fisheries development in Kyrgyzstan.
Information: J. Cai 🔄

Calendar of events

  Information: H. Fersoy 🔄

- **Regional meeting to operationalize the strategy for the sustainable development of Mediterranean and Black Sea aquaculture and Technical meeting on an Aquaculture Demonstrative Centre in the Black Sea**. Trabzon, Turkey, 13-15 March 2018.
  Information: F. Massa 🔄

- **Eight Meeting of RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA)**. Kuwait, State of Kuwait, 17-19 April 2018.
  Information: H. Fersoy 🔄

  Information: W. Miao 🔄

  Information: A. Menezes 🔄

- **Training workshop on doing aquaculture as a business**, held under the Project TCP/GBS/3604 - Validation et dissémination de systèmes intégrées d'aquaculture - agriculture (rizipisciculture et autres) à travers de l’approche «Champs-Écoles des Producteurs». Bissau, Guinée-Bissau, 7–11 May 2018.
  Information: A. Menezes 🔄

  Information: W. Miao 🔄

  Information: GFCM Secretariat 🔄

- **Thirty-third Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI)**. FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 9-13 July 2018.
  Information: COFI Secretariat 🔄

Non FAO events

- **Final meeting of the European Union “Ecosystem Approach to Making Space for Aquaculture” project**, organized by the Scottish Marine Institute. Brussels, Belgium,
5-7 February 2018.
Information: J. Aguilar-Manjarrez

- **Seafood Expo North America.** "Fighting IUU fishing and seafood fraud: enhancing traceability and transparency through strengthened governance frameworks”
  Boston, United States of America, 11-13 March 2018.
  Information: M. Castro de Souza

- **Seafood Expo Global/Seafood Processing Global.** Brussels, Belgium, 24-26 April 2018.
  Information: GLOBEFISH

- **Midterm workshop for the “Supermarket supported area-based management and certification of aquaculture in Southeast Asia” project** organized by Wageningen University and Research. Can Tho city, Viet Nam, 25-27 March 2018.
  Information: J. Aguilar-Manjarrez

  Information: Offshore Mariculture Conference Asia

  Information: L. Dabbadie

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