Welcome to this October 2017 edition of the FAO Aquaculture e-bulletin covering our most recent news, publications, technical workshops and projects for the period May 2017 to October 2017. 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**

- The **Ninth session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI), Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (SCA)** runs from 24-27 October 2017 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-SCA.

**See the agenda and supporting documents**

The week dedicated to aquaculture envisions a full agenda of discussions and decision on various topics of interest, including:

- FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department’s efforts in Implementing the Recommendations of the past sessions of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture.
- Progress Reporting on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) provisions relevant to Aquaculture and Culture-based Fisheries.
- Report from the Secretariat of the COFI Sub-committee on Fish Trade.
- The sustainable development goals (SDGS)/Agenda 2030 and FAO’S common vision for sustainable food and agriculture.
- Extension for Aquaculture Development.
- Special event on aquaculture in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS): blue growth opportunities for SIDS in a changing climate.
• Progress reporting on the implementation of the technical guidelines on aquaculture certification and the evaluation framework to assess conformity of aquaculture.
  
  Information: M. Halwart

• The Aquaculture Branch of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department has published the FAO Aquaculture Newsletter (FAN) 57. 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.
  
  
  Information: V. Crespi

Publications

  
  Information: M. Beveridge

  
  Information: M. Hasan

  
  Information: T. Bahri and/or E. Garrido Gamarro

  
  Information: J. Cai

  
  Information: M. Beveridge

  
  Information: M. Hasan
  Information: M. Van Der Knaap

  Information: F. Massa

  Information: J. Cai

  Information: T. Pongthanapanich

  Information: M. Hasan

  Information: M. Reantaso

  Information: A. Menezes

  Information: A. Flores

  Information: F. Grassi

- FAO. 2017. *FAO Second International Technical Seminar/Workshop on Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND): There is a way forward!*. FAO
Technical Cooperation Programme: TCP/INT/3501 and TCP/INT/3502.
Information: M. Reantaso

### Web-based products

- The **National Aquaculture Sector Overview (NASO)** collection has been improved with the updated version of **Ukraine** Fact Sheet.
- The **National Aquaculture Legislation Overview (NALO)** collection has improved with the updated versions of the Fact Sheets of **Colombia** and **Costa Rica** (both in English and Spanish) and with the new NALO of **Madagascar** (in French).

### Projects and activities

  Information: R. Van Anrooy

- **A regional workshop for training and verification of technical guidelines for innovative rice-fish farming and climate resilient tilapia culture** was conducted from 12-14 September 2017 in Bangkok as one of the major regional activities of the project TCP/RAS/3603. Twenty-one participants including the national project coordinators, project national consultants and key national project staff and the project international consultant joined the regional workshop.
  Information: W. Miao

- **A FAO project supporting scaling-up of integrated mangrove-shrimp farming system in Southern Viet Nam** started with a stakeholder consultation, which was jointly organized by FAO and Directorate of Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Ca Mau, Viet Nam on 20th of July 2017. The project will support the government of Viet Nam for the development and scaling up good practices of integrated mangrove-shrimp farming in Bac Lieu and Ca Mau Provinces through a number of key project interventions.
  Information: W. Miao

### Calendar of events

- **FAO Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition in Asia-Pacific**, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Kuala
• **FAO Regional Training and Verification Workshop on Technical Guidelines for Innovative Rice-Fish farming and Climate Resilient Tilapia Culture in Asia-Pacific.** Bangkok, Thailand, 12-14 September 2017. Information: W. Miao

• **Vigo Dialogue on Decent Work in Fisheries and Aquaculture.** Vigo, Spain, 03 October 2017. Information: U. Barg

• **Epizootic Ulcerative Sindrome Surveillance Data Analysis Workshop** (under FAO/African Solidarity Trust Fund Project “Strengthening controls of food safety threats, plant and animal pests and diseases for agricultural productivity and trade in Southern Africa”), Kasane, Botswana, 4-6 October 2017. Information: M. Reantaso

• **End of Project Workshop** of the FAO/African Solidarity Trust Fund Project “Strengthening controls of food safety threats, plant and animal pests and diseases for agricultural productivity and trade in Southern Africa”, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 9-12 October 2017. Information: M. Reantaso

• **Second Session of the COFI Advisory Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies.** Rome, Italy, 21-22 October 2017. Information: M. Halwart

• **Ninth Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Sub-Committee on Aquaculture.** Rome, Italy, 24-27 October 2017. Information: M. Beveridge

• **Final Workshop of the FAO project TCP/INT/3501: Strengthening biosecurity governance and capacities for dealing with the serious shrimp infectious myonecrosis virus (IMNV) disease.** Qingdao, China, 2-5 November 2017. Information: M. Reantaso

• **FAO/APFIC Regional Consultative Workshop: Building Climate Resilient Fisheries and Aquaculture in Asia-Pacific.** Bangkok, Thailand, 14-16 November 2017. Information: W. Miao

• **FAO Training Workshop on Strengthening the Capacity of Organized Small Aquaculture Farmers to Create a Market for their Product and Participate Effectively in the Value Chain.** Pangasinan, Philippines, 14-16 November 2017. Information: T. Pongthanapanich

• **FAO Regional Expert Meeting: The Use of Antimicrobials in Aquaculture in Latin America: Challenges and Future Perspectives.** Lima, Peru, 22-24 November 2017. Information: A. Lovatelli

• **Final Workshop of the FAO project FMM/RAS/298: Strengthening capacities, policies and national action plans on prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials**
in fisheries. Guangzhou, China 12-14 December 2017.
Information: M. Reantaso

- **FAO/IUF Expert Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Issues and Risk Management in Aquaculture.** Stirling, United Kingdom, 18-20 December 2017.
  Information: U. Barg

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**Non FAO events**

- **Global Conference Tenure and User Rights in Fisheries 2018:**
  **Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 (User Rights 2018).** Busan, Republic of Korea, 10-14 September 2018.
  Information: R. Metzner

  Information: T. Pongthanapanich

- **CONXEMAR, Vigo, Conference and exhibition.** Vigo, Spain 2-5 October, 2017.
  Information: A. Lem

- **OECD Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean Economy: Linking economic potential and marine ecosystem health through innovation.** Naples, Italy, 10-11 October 2017.
  Information: M. Beveridge

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**First announcement**

- **AQUA 2018 #WeRAquaculture, The Joint EAS-WAS Conference.** Montpellier, France, 25-29 August 2018.
  Information: L. Dabbadie

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