



PROMOTING SMALL-SCALE AQUACULTURE IN GUYANA

Inland fisheries and aquaculture have great potential to contribute to nutritional, economic and social well-being, especially in hinterland and coastal areas in Guyana. With growing fish consumption and increasing demand for local freshwater fish, this project aimed to train farmers with simple fish production skills and increase capacity among small-scale farming households to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project developed and promoted locally-suitable models of small-scale aquaculture and fisheries systems. The project expanded the production of tilapia in coastal communities and indigenous species in hinterland communities, targeting local markets and consumer demand. Demonstration farms, nurseries and grow-out ponds were established to provide fingerlings to local producers. Knowledge and skills were disseminated through newly developed training modules and materials and local technologies and materials were promoted to help lower farmer costs.

IMPACT

As a result of the project, the aquaculture sector is contributing to rural employment, generating income in rural areas and supporting food security in Guyana. Farmers have better access to production skills, lower cost inputs and locally compatible technologies to further develop aquaculture sub-sectors. Improvements to government facilities will further enhance the performance of private fish farms in the country, the generation of export earnings and the economic well-being of fish farmers and rural and coastal communities.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 80 001

Duration

May 2014 – April 2017

Resource Partners

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Partners

Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Agriculture; St Francis Community Developers Black Bush Polder/Berbice; Hugo Chavez Centre/Onverwacht/West Coast Berbice

Beneficiaries

Aquaculture farmers, the Department of Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture, NGOs, fish farmers and traders, households and communities that depend on fisheries and aquaculture

ACTIVITIES

- Demonstration and pilot sites for feed and broodstock/fingerling production identified.
- Training, capacity building and technical advice on aquaculture management provided.
- Extension services improved and best practice manual developed.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Promotion of small-scale aquaculture in Guyana for food security and rural development

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