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*Participants at the regional workshop in Beymelek*

## Kyrgyzstan

“Development of inland fisheries and aquaculture in the Kyrgyz Republic to reduce rural food insecurity” (FishDev–Kyrgyzstan), a short-term project under the EC/FAO Facility for consultancy services (GCP/GLO/162/EC), commenced in June 2007 and was completed in March 2008. The project of US\$124 000 prepared, as main outputs, a review study on capture fisheries and aquaculture in Kyrgyzstan, and the Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector Development and Management in Kyrgyzstan (2008-2012). This strategy was approved by the new Minister of Agriculture, Water Management and Processing Industry of Kyrgyzstan, Mr A. Nogoev, in February 2008 and is now being implemented by the sector under the guidance of the Department of Fisheries of the Ministry. A trust fund project, preliminary entitled “Support to Fishery and Aquaculture Management in Kyrgyzstan” is under formulation following a request from the Minister. This trust fund project should support the implementation of the approved strategy. At present, FAO is continuing its assistance to the Ministry in its search for donor funds in support of the implementation of the strategy. Other activities undertaken under the European Commission funded project were 3 national planning and development workshops, a training workshop for fish inspectors and a fish consumption promotion campaign during World Food Day 2007. The main outcomes of the project will be published in the first semester of 2008 as an FAO Fishery Circular.

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GCP/GLO/162/EC, Kyrgyzstan

*Under the initiation of FD the Uzgen fish farm organized fish selling in Uzgen at the World Food Day: the price of silver carp is 80 som/kg; the price of carp is 100 som/kg*



GCP/GLO/162/EC, Kyrgyzstan

*The process of loading the tanker of water with the fish which they caught for sale at the World Food Day (Uzgen Fish Farm in the South)*

# Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

## Uzbekistan

A TCP facility project “Development of strategic partnerships in support of responsible fisheries and aquaculture development in Uzbekistan” TCP/UZB/3103 (D) was implemented during the period from August 2007 to April 2008. This project of around US\$120 000 intended to develop strategic partnerships for and assist the Government of Uzbekistan in the rehabilitation of the national capture fisheries and aquaculture sectors in a structured and responsible manner, with specific emphasis on the achievement of food security and alleviation of poverty in rural areas in which the fisheries sector could play a more prominent role. The project produced a “Review of the current status of inland fisheries and aquaculture in Uzbekistan” and, through a participatory process, the “Aquaculture and Capture Fisheries Development Policy and Strategy of Uzbekistan (2008-2016)”. The Policy and Strategy was endorsed by the Council of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan, and is likely to be officially endorsed by the government in the first semester of 2008. The project counterparts, particularly the Institute of Water Problems of the Academy of Science of Uzbekistan and the Department of Livestock, Poultry and Fisheries of the Ministry were instrumental in bringing this project to a successful end.

The project also organized a technical “training of trainer” capacity building sessions on pond aquaculture and stocking practices, and produced, based on existing FAO extension manuals, a number of extension and training manuals that are amended for the situation in Central Asia. A follow-up trust fund project proposal is under formulation. This project, at the request of the Ministry, should address fishery management and aquaculture development in the eco-hydrologically degraded



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*Carp hatchery in Uzbekistan*

region of the Aral Sea and in the Ferghana Valley of the Republic of Uzbekistan in order to support the rehabilitation of the sector. No donor has been found so far for this project, but efforts are being made in search of a donor.

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*Ekos International ltd. trout cage culture at Issyk Kul lake, Kyrgyzstan, 2007*