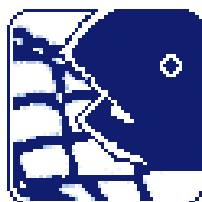

The FAO Aquaculture Fact Sheet

The Fact Sheet collections produced by the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department are continuously growing. Three collections have been produced and stored within the Aquaculture Gateway Page

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91 National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASO) have been published on the FAO website so far and are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/naso/search>

NASO collection provides a general overview of aquaculture aspects and related issues at the national level for FAO member countries. The NASOs contain detailed information on the history of aquaculture; human resources involved in the sector; main farming systems and cultured species contributing to national production; graphs showing reported production statistics; description of the main domestic markets and trade; and national development trends and issues.



In 2003, the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department launched the Cultured Aquatic Species Information Programme (CASIP). The program consists of the preparation of a series of technical fact sheets on the most important commercially species produced by aquaculture. The cultured species fact sheets are written in simple technical language and focus on the practical aspects of aquaculture, from seed supply and the principal farming systems used worldwide to the raising, harvesting and marketing of farmed species. The main objective of this program is to improve the knowledge of marine and freshwater organisms of current and potential interest to aquaculture.

50 Fact Sheets have been published on the internet so far and are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/culturedspecies/search>



The third Fact Sheets collection is composed of the National Aquaculture Legislation Overviews (NALO). The NALOs consist of a series of country reports on aquaculture laws and regulations, prepared by the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department in collaboration with the Development Law Service.

42 NALOs have been published on the internet so far and are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/nalo/search>

The three above described fact sheet collections are being translated in five FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish) and many of them are already available in several languages.