

NEW STAFF PROFILE



The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and FAO has entered into a new Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF) Agreement for the next five years starting 2007 until 2012. This present UTF Agreement between KSA and FAO is composed of 13 different projects. One of these projects (UTFN/SAU/017/SAU) is on “Support to the Fish Farming Center in Jeddah”. The long-term objective of UTFN/SAU/017/SAU is to upgrade the technical capability of the Fish Farming Center as an institution to support the increasing aquaculture activities in the country. FAO’s role in the present project is to provide the technical assistance

to meet the project objectives. Dr. Felix G. Ayson joined FAO on 04 August 2007 as Chief Technical Adviser (CTA)/Aquaculture Expert for the Project.

Felix comes from the Philippines and holds a Doctor of Science degree in Zoology with specialization in Fish Physiology/Endocrinology. Before joining FAO, Felix was a Researcher at the Aquaculture Department of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC AQD) in the Philippines where he worked for the past 18 years. SEAFDEC AQD is an international research institution that does scientific research on aquaculture

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