
Preparation of this document

This publication is the proceedings of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Expert Workshop on Site Selection and Carrying Capacities for Inland and Coastal Aquaculture convened at the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from 6–8 December 2010.

The workshop was attended by 20 internationally renowned experts from 13 countries (the Arab Republic of Egypt, Canada, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Norway, the People's Republic of China, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Ghana, the Republic of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Mexican States and the United States of America), representing the private sector, industry, academia, government, research organizations and FAO.

The workshop was jointly organized by the Sustainable Aquaculture Group, Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, and the Aquaculture Branch of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department through a collaboration agreement.

The main purpose of this document is to provide guidance to developing countries on the process of aquaculture site selection and carrying capacity to improve the sustainability of aquaculture.

This technical workshop constitutes the first of a series of workshops and activities addressing different issues to help implement the ecosystem approach to aquaculture (EAA). The intended audience for this publication consists of professionals in the fisheries sector at managerial and technical levels in government service, in international organizations and in the aquaculture industry.

The workshop report and the first global review entitled “Carrying capacities and site selection within the ecosystem approach to aquaculture” have been edited by FAO. However, all the other reviews have been reproduced as submitted.