



Building Public and Private Partnerships in the Fish Industry

In the month of February MyanMed Project organized four stakeholder meetings with representatives of the fish production chain: farmers, fishermen, landing-auction markets and fish processors. Scope of the meetings was to unveil the current potentialities and issues in the fish production industry, and to find areas of growth through collaboration between stakeholders.



The first stakeholder meeting with fish farmers

The importance of public-private partnership was remarked as a priority and the role of the Department of Fisheries was emphasized in supporting the sector through proper governance and regulations, support to farmers for training and quality inputs, increase of the quality standards and access to international markets.



Sorting of fish at an EU certified landing site

Myanmar fish industry is largely targeting the export market, but its access would be granted only with the synergic action of different stakeholders within a common development plan. The public-private partnerships are in this seen an elective way to achieve a fast and sustainable growth through the development of joint objectives and strategies for the development of the fish industry.



Artisanal fishing boats

The next step of MyanMed Project is to carry out field surveys for both aquaculture farmers and artisanal fisherment to map the needs of technology an the demand of training at grassroot level.

<p>Aquaculture priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • Infrastructures • Quality seeds/feed • Training • Disease control • Access to credit 	<p>Fishery priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • Infrastructures • Input prices (oil) • Training • Control illegal fishing 	<p>Processing priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant supply of quality fish • Training • Food safety standards • Regulations/law enforcement • Export
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Microscope



Computer training at IFT



The training class with the DoF Regional Director and MyanMed coordinators

Information and communication technology (ICT) could help promoting good management practices in fishery and aquaculture. The liberalization of the telecommunications and booming of smartphones opened unforeseen opportunities for distance learning, market access and monitoring. The capacity building of the DoF staff for office automation and data analysis is thus essential to develop new ways to communicate with farmers, accelerate administrative procedures and improve analytical skills for applied research or data statistics. MyanMed Project delivered on February a new computer room at IFT, supplied with 12 laptops for both training and research purposes. A two-week training course to 21 DoF officers was successively organized on 3-19 February. The training, first of two, aimed at improving MS Office skills in women. A second training on statistics is planned in June, mainly for technicians working in research stations and statistic departments.

News in evidence



Meeting with farmers in Ma U Bin

Two CIHEAM experts arrived on 21 March in Yangon to carry out aquaculture survey and training at IFT. The survey, supported by the IFT project team, was done in the Ayeyarwaddy and Yangon regions and included visits to private fish and crab farms, DoF hatcheries, landing sites and markets. The survey will serve to assess the training needs of the farmers and to develop tailored strategies for the expansion of the aquaculture sector in Myanmar.

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