



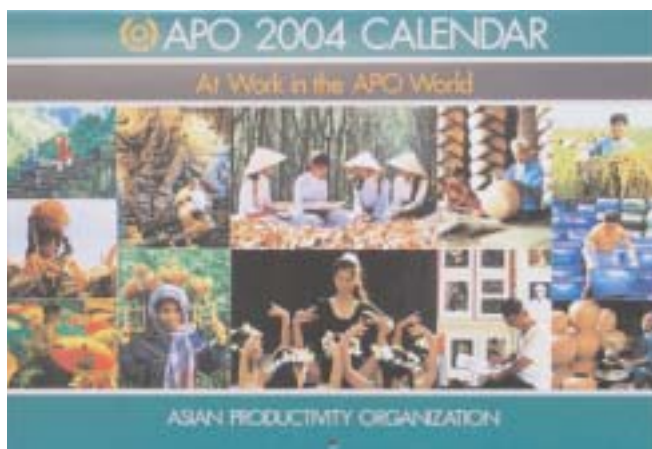
AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT

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Asia is one of the earliest cradles of aquaculture in the world. Fish farming has evolved in the region for thousands of years. The industrialization of aquaculture began in the 1960s. Today, Asia dominates aquaculture production, accounting for 91.3% of total world output. It is hardly surprising therefore that it is the highest seafood-consuming region in the world. With projected higher economic growth and increasing population, the aquaculture industry in Asia is set to expand further. However, there are certain issues that need to be dealt with if the industry is to continue to prosper.

Short-sighted, profit-driven strategies to increase production have given rise to many serious environmental and socio-economic problems. Unrestrained use of water, land, and other natural resources and the lack of proper aquaculture management have led to land subsidence, deterioration of groundwater, emergence of diseases, and destruction of coastal ecology. In addition, Asian countries' membership in the World Trade Organization has implications for the industry which must be carefully studied and responded to.

To address these issues, the APO organized a seminar on "Aquaculture Management" in the Republic of China, in December 2001. More specifically, the meeting was to discuss recent developments, issues, and problems in aquaculture production and management and to formulate plans and strategies to manage them. This publication, jointly published by the APO and the Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute, is a report on the findings of the seminar. It also provides the full text of six resource papers and 14 country papers presented at the meeting. It is useful to aqua-farmers and researchers on aquaculture.



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