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A farmer's success through Environment-Friendly Scheme in Shrimp Farming

"My deepest appreciation to you and your TVS field personnel for the success of the second production run in my farm at Nasugbo, Batangas," JMANTTP-assisted shrimp farmer, Albertito Siochi, wrote to Chief Dr. Rolando Platon on May 5.

Harvest in Siochi's one-hectare shrimp farm ran from April 25 to 27 (see ADN No. 15). Siochi is more impressed with the second run using the same three ponds as the first considering that this year's run was made during summer. "The shrimp fry that

came from your hatchery and stocked at 15 m² yielded 4.86 tons in just 127 days of culture", Siochi emphasized in his letter. The harvested shrimp had an average body weight of 37 grams, feed conversion ratio of 1.2, and an average survival rate of 80%, giving Siochi a gross sale of P1.574 million.

He further added, "I am very certain now that your Environment-Friendly Scheme in Shrimp Farming is the answer for the revitalization and sustainability of the shrimp industry."

TVS head Dan Baliao is the Director of the Joint Mission for Accelerated Nationwide Technology Transfer Program (JMANTTP), an AQD-BFAR collaboration conceived to undertake techno-transfer activities.

Environment-Friendly Scheme in Shrimp Farming was developed through the Mangrove-Friendly Shrimp Culture (MFSC) Project. MFSC is a collaboration between SEAFDEC and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Grouper harvest at Sibunag's Mariculture Livelihood Project



Harvest of grouper from net cages in Sibunag, Guimaras

Fishfarmers of Sibunag's Mariculture Livelihood Project finally obtained the fruits of their labor on April 28. About 420 kilograms of grouper worth P102,000 were harvested from seven cages after five months of culture; average body weight was 359 grams.

Present during the harvest, among others, were: the provincial DA representative, BFAR provincial representative, Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) and municipal fishery technician of Sibunag, and project beneficiaries coming from different barangays of Sibunag.

The project is implemented through the JMANTTP. The cages are owned and managed

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HOC PO Feeds Corporation collaborates with AQD



TVS head Dan Baliao (left) and HPFC National Marketing and Sales Manager William Kramer (right) signed the MOA to conduct a verification study in DBS. Also in photo are Nilo Franco (left) of AQD and Roalimar Tantiado of HPFC (right).

AQD and HOC PO Feeds Corporation (HPFC) signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to conduct a verification study at DBS for one grow-out period using HPFC's environment-friendly products.

HPFC produces and distributes aquaculture feeds for prawns, milkfish, tilapia, and

other species. HPFC also manufactures and distributes "Maxima Microbial Inoculant" (MMI), a bioremediation/probiotic product.

HPFC will supply prawn fry, prawn and fish feeds, MMI, vitamins, squid oil, organic fertilizers, tea seed powder, and direct labor.

AQD will provide farm facility, its maintenance and security, and operate the farm with HPFC's representative. AQD will also provide tilapia and milkfish stocks, agricultural and hydrated lime, inorganic fertilizers, pond preparation costs, fuel and oil for pumps, electric power for water pumps, aeration and lighting,

transportation of farm supplies, and harvest expenses.

In case of extended monitoring activities at DBS, AQD should provide living quarters for HPFC personnel.

The sharing of profit for both parties shall be based on the operating income and that the production incentive bonus shall only be granted if the return of investment based on operating income shall be equal or more than 35% computed and granted on a pond to pond basis. AQD's share will be 40% and HPFC's share will be 60% of the operating income.

In case of loss in harvest, AQD and HPFC would share in the losses based on their respective investments or contributions; the latter would not be liable to pay AQD any particular amount.

Both parties would mutually agree upon any publication that may arise. Any mention of the brand name of the product used shall not be construed as endorsement of the same.

Harvest at Sibunag...from page 1

by the Municipal Fisheries Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC) of Sibunag. MFRMC is composed of registered fishers of the coastal barangays of San Isidro, Sabang, Alegria, Bubog, and Sebaste. TVS technician assisting the project is Roger Mamauag.

To further rural development through aquaculture in the area, another livelihood option was taken into consideration; Seaweed (*Kappaphycus*) culture will be initiated.



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Quote

"One person can make a difference and every person should try."

*John F. Kennedy
(1917-1963)
35th US President*

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