

SEAFDEC INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EMERGING FISH DISEASES IN ASIA

**Bangkok, Thailand
6-7 December 2007**

Overview

The Aquaculture Department of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC AQD) has been implementing the Regional Fish Disease Project under the auspices of the Government of Japan Trust Fund (GOJ-TF) since 2000.

The main thrust of Phase I of the project was Development of Fish Disease Diagnostic Inspection Methodologies for Artificially-Bred Seeds that covered disease research, hands-on training, and annual project meetings (<http://rfdp.seafdec.org.ph>).

In addition, the project conducted a seminar/workshop in collaboration with the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) on "Disease Control in Fish and Shrimp Aquaculture in Southeast Asia - Diagnosis and Husbandry Techniques" in Iloilo City, Philippines, on 4-6 December 2001, and a meeting on the "Current Status of the Transboundary Fish Diseases in Southeast Asia: Occurrence, Surveillance, Research and Training" in Manila, Philippines, on 23-24 June 2004.

Phase II activities (2004-2009) similarly focus on Development of Fish Disease Surveillance Systems and involve research, on-site hands-on training programs, and annual project meetings.

The workshop component in this SEAFDEC International Workshop on Emerging Fish Diseases in Asia, held in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-7 December 2007, had the following objectives: (1) to provide updates on emerging fish and shellfish microbial diseases in Southeast and East Asia, (2) to keep abreast of advances in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, epidemiology, and surveillance of emerging microbial diseases of aquatic animals, and (3) to identify study gaps for future research consideration by the GOJ-TF Fish Disease Project.

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