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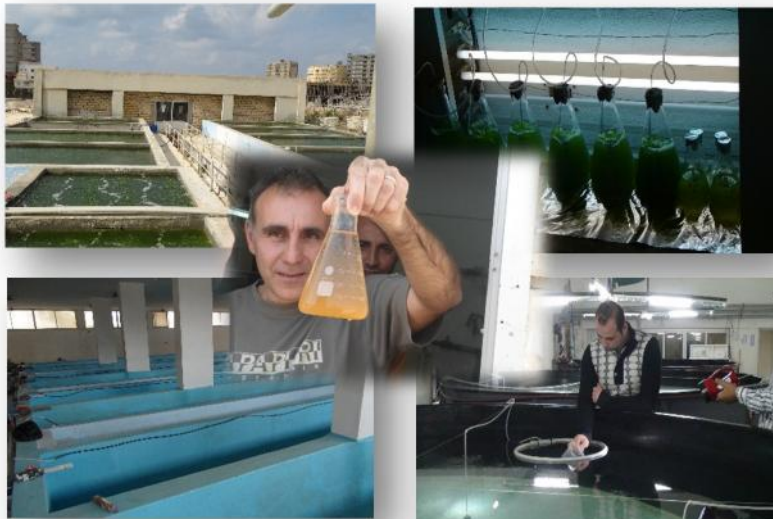
New phase for MADE

A stronger input to marine aquaculture development; this is the MADE Project target for this year. PMU is controlling the implemented actions and is monitoring the progress of the project, results and outcomes through technical documents, meeting and field visits. Funds utilization is in accordance both with the approved plan and with adjustments, adopting the project to changing conditions and new needs. Now, four Italian experts are working on the field with the Egyptian staff. By the end of the project, the implemented components must have the outcome of the responsible development of marine aquaculture in the Country, with improved performance capacity of the GAFRD for supporting a sustainable process.



K21 HATCHERY

The K21 Hatchery in Alex is one of the Project technical instruments. The Italian/international experts, Attilio Spano and Gianluca Pizzonia, are planning and controlling the whole component of the productive activities. Technical meetings have been already organised in the hatchery, to settle the target of this new season, aimed to increase both the quality and the quantity of produced fingerlings. New management approaches have been discussed and approved; now the staffs are following the indications of the Italian Technical Assistance, improving the productive process through an accurate control of environmental parameters and management protocol, unit by unit, tank by tank



ROAD MAP

National sector conference is now scheduled for the next month of May, aiming to consolidate the GAFRD role in the development process.

Stefano Moretti and Riccardo Germano are now preparing the "Road Map draft document" that will be discussed in the National Conference, scheduled for the next month of May. Productive guidelines will be proposed to the sector stakeholders/ actors, taking into account both economic and ecological needs, in MADE is achieving its targets implementing a global assistance to the Egyptian private stakeholders, through the competence and the professional capacity of the sector Italian system. MADE is not one off event and intends to consolidate the dialogue between the sector stakeholders of Italy and Egypt and joint-venture agreements will be promote and facilitate by the project actions as well.



MICROSCOPE

Towards to the National Conference

Aquaculture is currently the largest single source of fish supply in Egypt, accounting for almost 65% of the total fish production of the Country, with over 99% produced from private farms. The development and expansion of modern aquaculture began in Egypt two decades ago, with a significant and rapid development over the last few years leading to a sharp increase in production. The sector is exhibiting a strong growth and as a result aquaculture is considered as the only viable option for reducing the gap between production and demand of fishery/aquaculture products in Egypt. Marine aquaculture requires a multi-disciplinary approach, including technical, economic, social environmental and institutional factors; several skills and cooperation between several disciplines are required with, finally, information exchange among several stakeholders. Food security is a factor of stability everywhere. Egyptian Governments are taken actions to increase local production and commercial organisation to meet the demand and the food requirements. Marine aquaculture can provide opportunities to increase the local production of high quality protein but, up till now, the sector has developed significantly in the private sector only in the Nile Delta Region. Any case there are other large potentiality, for instance for marine cage mainly along the Red Sea cost. It is now evident that Egyptian Institutions must support aquaculture policy and strategy, providing documented basis for the sustainable and responsible practise in the Country, for planning and monitoring aquaculture operations, evaluating procedures and revising and improving strategy for the benefit of the sector. The National Conference could give a first contribution to the adoption of a new Sector Strategy/Road Map.



Mr. Marco Platzer



NEWS IN EVIDENCE

New Director for Italian Cooperation in Egypt

Marco Platzer is now the new director of Italian Technical Unit in Cairo, since the beginning of February, and he is now acquiring the whole elements of Italian Cooperation effort in Egypt. Within this context, The Italian Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Program constitutes the most important segment of activities. Platzer must now continue the work of his Italian colleagues, Mrs Ginevra Letizia that directed Italian Cairo UTL in the previous phase, with great enthusiasm, determination and professional capacities.

The new Director is an agronomist, with a great experience of development cooperation program in Africa. He has also strong capacity in the project monitoring and evaluation, essential factors in order to adapt the projects to the changing conditions during their life.

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