

Challenge

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The Sector threats and risks

It is evident that the Egyptian aquaculture sector is feeling the effect of the Country general context. For instance, the tourism sector collapse is reducing the demand for fishery and aquaculture products. Any case this is a strong indicator on the importance to consolidate the Egyptian urban market and at the same time the export approach. Private sector is any case working to maintain as much as possible the organisative structure and the links with the market demand. At the same time, the Public Institutions are trying to preserve as much as possible organization and operative structure, to continue to have a strategic role in the Country development, a crucial “molecule” of the Egyptian system. MADE project is also living stop and go/slow down moments, both from technical and financial issues. During last June and August, the operative actions have been limited to reduce the risks for staff and equipments. Several activities have been postponed such as the “new hatchery executive project” and the “cage pilot unit procurement”. This last project component requested supplementary technical surveys, for a new location selection. MADE staff is now working to maintain the organization level achieved in two years of work, in terms of responsibilities, stakeholders links and technical windows for the marine aquaculture private sector. Any case the positive conclusion of the Technical Assistance project component first phase (see Newsletter n.7/2013) is a positive indicator for the next actions, already planned.



Projects and processes

MADE and GAFRD are looking to the future. The Concept Note for the MADE 2 Project has been already approved. Experts are now working to prepare the Project Document, as final act to start with the technical activities in Port Fouad area for private sector support. This second project will be managed according to a “lesson learned approach”, analyzing the achieved results with MADE and taking into consideration the encountered problems. Red Sea Governorate is also asking the GAFRD support to develop marine aquaculture. MADE is studying a third project (MADE 3) for realizing the “Red Sea Aquaculture and Marine Biology Centre” above all to offer the opportunity to the young people to bet on their future and to “make money” according to a sustainable and responsible use of natural resources. The work is not easy, but it can determine professional satisfactions for the whole involved Institutions and experts,



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MARINE HATCHERY PROJECT ON PROGRESS

MADE is preparing the executive project for the construction of the new hatchery. Under the international umbrella of CIHAM umbrella a group of Egyptian and Italian expert is working to prepare the technical drawings and the cost estimation for transferring the most advanced and modern technologies to Egypt for the benefit of both public and private sector. The new hatchery must give opportunities to gain and share the much-needed experience in the operation issues, serving as a training/technical window for farmers, consultants and Institutions that deal with the production cycles and institutional/legal procedures. This is also a good opportunity to encourage information exchanges between the Italian and Egyptian actors, developing also other

joint research programs, both at institutional and private level. Apart from that, the hatchery construction will provide an opportunity to the GAFRD/Egyptian authorities to evaluate the suitability of their regulations and procedures. Production from aquaculture is growing in many region of the world, increasingly significant the quantities of food for human consumption and Egyptian Public Institutions are recognizing the special sector interests of business oriented enterprises, facilitating these actors in engaging in the market chains.

The hatchery construction and management must improve the performance capacity of the GAFRD for supporting this development process of marine aquaculture in Egypt.

NEWS IN EVIDENCE

NEW CHAIRMAN IN GAFRD

Dr. Mahmoud Hussein is the new Chairman of the GAFRD, according to the decision of the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. The new Chairman has now to continue the work of Dr. Khaled Elhassani, both for MADE 1 (project in progress for marine hatchery and cage unit) and for MADE2 (assistance units for private sector) that will be implemented in Port Fouad area. Dr. Hussen has been also appointed to MADE Project Supervisor according to his role in GAFRD. In MADE Project Dr. Hussen will find a group of motivated technicians, that are working since the project beginning under the technical guide of Prof. Mohamed Fathy Osman, already confirmed to MADE Project Coordinator assignment.



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