

Aquaculture Development in Sistan Baluchistan

4th Steering committee

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STEERING COMMITTEE DOCUMENT

Italian cooperation and UNDP are managing the Aquaculture Development in Sistan Baluchistan project since May 2005. SHILAT is the implementing project agency and CIRSPE is the Italian contractor for the technical assistance and training components.

The main project target is to contribute to the reduction of social imbalance, raising the income level of the local population and communities, through the reinforcement and dissemination of aquaculture, both in terms of production /technology and economic results.

The Steering Committee remarks the positive results obtained in 2007 as follows:

A) Fish sector

- Reproduction of *Schizothorax zarudnyi* by IFRO (some 200,000 fingerlings)
- Introduction of three Indian Carp species from India
- Release 1,800,000 fingerlings of three Chinese Carp species into Hamoon Lake (in cooperation with SHILAT)
- Hydrology and hydrobiology study of Hamoon Lake
- Support to fish producers (in multi purpose ponds)

B) Shrimp sector

- Consultation meeting in Chabahar
- Management structure established aerators in private sector farms
- Two crop shrimp rearing per annual initiated (before Gono storm)
- shrimp rearing monitoring in Gowater
- economical study of shrimp rearing

According to NPD presentation, project has achieved very good results in shrimp rearing sector before Gono storm. Unfortunately, however, the storm caused large losses in Chabahar/Gowater damage to farmers which estimated about 250,000 Euro.

C) Advocacy and Project Visibility

- Internet(www.iranitaly.net)
- Newsletter

D) Training

Training activities didn't take place in 2007, due to lack of response from NACA. This activity will be undertaken in 2008, on the basis of a new proposal and program.

The technical reports of the above mentioned activities and results should be submitted by CIRSPE.

Steering committee takes note of the NPD/SHILAT new requests as:

- ❖ To extend project duration without extra budget to complete the activities.

Accepted by Steering Committee, this new request changes the work plan which would be prepared by NPD and CIRSPE and submitted to UNDP as soon as possible. Meanwhile, a project assessment should be planned and initiated jointly by UNDP, ITALY and NPD as soon as possible.

- ❖ To compensate shrimp farmers losses from Gono storm which estimated 250,000 Euro
Steering committee decided to repeat the pilot shrimp rearing project in Gowater with the same farmers to achieve the exact results of this sector and help incurred farmers.
- ❖ To strengthen research and extension linkages at Zahak ,directed to poorer families involved in the aquaculture

The steering committee agreed to consider this in 2008, through cooperation with the ministry of Jihade-Agriculture.

- ❖ To identify new shrimp markets and extend marketing possibilities, and to strengthen international product standards (at the farm level) in Iran for improving exports promotion purposes

The steering Committee agreed to proceed with this.

- ❖ New proposal for 2009 in a multi lateral cooperation system (Iran, Italy, Afghanistan Governments) for improving and well being of the local population around the Hamoon Lake.

The Steering committee expressed its interests in the issue and requested NPD for a con and detailed proposal.

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