

# Aquaculture Development in Sistan Baluchistan

*4<sup>th</sup> Steering committee*

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## STEERING COMMITTEE FINAL 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 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 (about 200,000 fingerlings, produced according to the contract CIRSPE/IFRO).
- Introduction of three Indian Carp species from India (according to the contract CIRSPE/IFRO).
- Release of 1,800,000 fingerlings of three Chinese Carp species into Hamoon Lake (SHILAT planning).
- Hydrology and hydrobiology study of Hamoon Lake (IFRO).
- Support to fish producers.

According to NPD presentation, the project achieved very good results in *Schizothorax zarudnyi* reproduction.

The activities related to carps rearing are strictly connected to the support of the private sector at small scale level.

## **B) Shrimp sector**

- Consultation meetings in Chabahar for sector strategy identification (CIRSPE/SHILAT).
- Aerators equipment test in private sector farms.
- Two crops shrimp rearing approach (activity affected by Gono storm. Contract CIRSPE/IFRO).
- Shrimp rearing monitoring in Gowater (contract CIRSPE/IFRO)
- Economical study of shrimp rearing (Contract CIRSPE Chabahar International University).

According to NPD presentation, the project has achieved very good results in shrimp rearing sector both in 2006 and in 2007 (before Gono storm). Unfortunately, the storm caused large losses in Chabahar/Gowater, damaging the farmers participating to the project, for a total loss of about 250,000 Euro.

## **C) Advocacy and Project Visibility**

- Internet([www.iranitaly.net](http://www.iranitaly.net)): The site is updated in progress.
- Newsletter: A total of 4 newsletters have been already issued

These activities are giving appropriate visibility both to the donor and to the project itself.

## **D) Training**

After 2006 training programs, during 2007 this task was affected of delay due to lack of response from NACA. This activity will be undertaken in 2008, on the basis of a new proposal and program.

## **E) Reports**

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

## E) 2008 Programme

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

- ❖ To extend the project duration without extra budget in order to complete the activities. Accepted by the Steering Committee, this new request changes the work plan which will be now prepared by NPD and CIRSPE and submitted to UNDP as soon as possible.
- ❖ To plan a project assessment which should be arranged and initiated jointly by UNDP, ITALY and NPD, for project evaluation.
- ❖ To repeat the pilot shrimp rearing project in Gowater in order to collect technical data useful for sector identification and proposal and to support the shrimp rearing private sector.
- ❖ To strengthen research and extension linkages at Zahak, directed to poorer families involved in the aquaculture sector.
- ❖ To identify shrimp markets constraints and extend marketing possibilities, and to strengthen international product standards (at farm level) in Iran with the aim to improve exports.

The Steering committee agreed to consider all these indications in 2008, through cooperation with the ministry of Jihad-Agriculture.

Apart from that the SC agreed on the importance of a new proposal for 2009 in a multi lateral cooperation system (Iran, Italy, Afghanistan Governments) aimed at the improvement of life conditions and well being of the local population around the Hamoon Lake. The Steering Committee expressed its interests in the issue and asked NPD for a detailed proposal.

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