Seven Years of Sustainable Aquaculture Development in Myanmar (Burma)







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Improve Capacity of the Aquaculture Sector

Sustainability:

- Improved livelihoods and household nutrition
- Mangrove
 protection/restoration
- Domestic seed production
- Reduce overfishing
- Improved opportunities for women
- Increased export income for sustainable seafood



Sustainable aquaculture



Enable sustainable increases in livelihoods from aquaculture production without creating adverse socio economic or environmental impacts.

Resilient small-scale fisheries



Secure and enhance the contribution of small-scale fisheries to poverty reduction and food security in priority geographies.

University, Industry & Farmer Capacity Building, Training and Demonstration Programs

Value chains and nutrition



Increase the availability, access and consumption of nutrient-rich, safe fish, especially for women of reproductive age, infants and young children.

Cross cutting themes



Climate Change

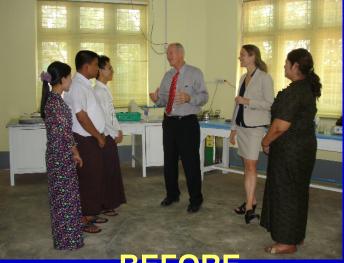


Gender Equity



Entrepreneurship

Improved University labs and facilities



BEFORE

AFTER





Department of Zoology Laboratory of Aquatic Bioscience Seafood Safety Laboratory

Office and Aquaculture Library











Student internships 90 Internships with domestic industry in less than 3 years 12 Internships with industry abroad





Internships: Vietnam, Malaysia, India



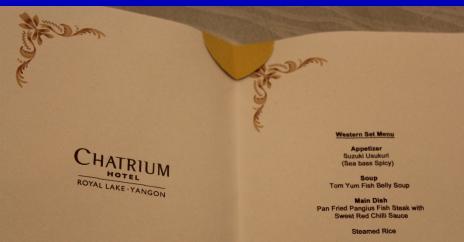
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Demonstration Seabass farm in Okkan





Dessert Blueberry Cheese Cake





Mangrove crab hatchery







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Built and operated an eel nursery









University Faculty field trips









Mangrove-friendly Farming of Shrimp, Crab, Fish, Clams and Seaweeds

Mangrove Forest Provides Shelter, Substrates & Food for the Crabs



Photo: https://climatevulture.com/2016/05/05/sea-level-rise-puts-indo-pacific-mangrove-forests-at-risk/

Pond Structure & Layout

Culture area of preferably > 1 acre
 Water depth of approximately 3 feet

- Perimeter ~ 4 ft
- Mangrove bed ~ 1 ft

 Different water depths (Habitat niches)

A Farm @ Labutta Crablet size increased from 4 mm to 20 mm after 32 days of stocking C1 Crablets (26/9/2019 -28/10/2019)

28/10/2019





Sources of additional income in polyculture – Filter feeding clams in hapas, low-cost investment



Myanmar Sustainable Aquaculture Project (MYSAP)

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Growing tilapia, seabass, or milkfish in cages, moderate-cost investment







Crablets in hapa nets





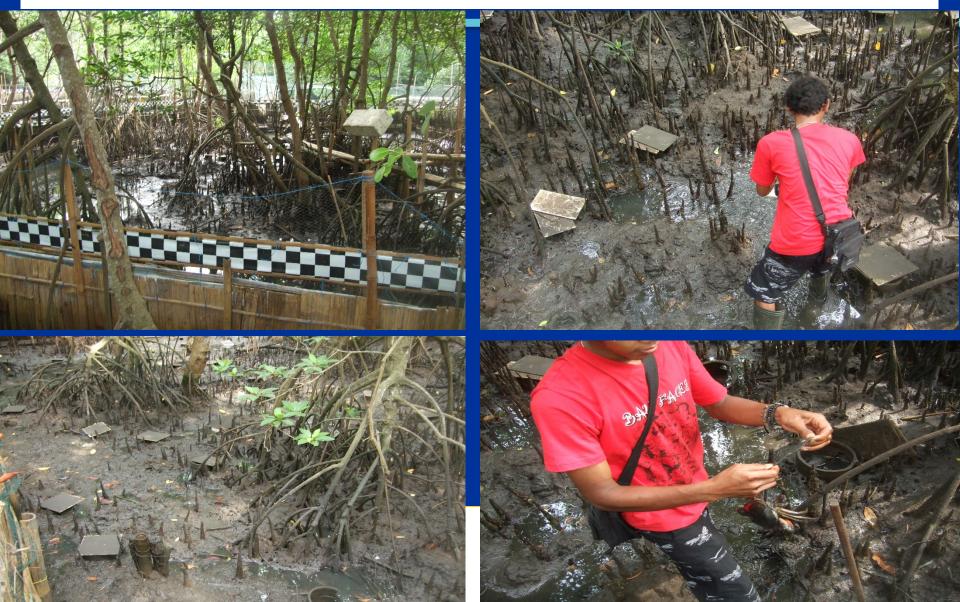








Crab nursery



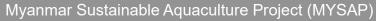
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giz Shrimp, Crab, Fish and Seaweeds

- Shrimp, crab, and fish wastes fertilize seaweeds
- Algae cleans effluent, makes O_{2,} & sold for agar and sea veget<u>ables</u>



Seaweed, fish and shrimp from same pond Gracilaria, milkfish, Giant tiger prawn

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Why it all fell apart





