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AQUADAPT MEKONG

Aquaculture adaptation to climate change
in the Mekong Region

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THE PROJECT

Extreme weather has a significant impact on aquaculture production. The AQUADAPT-Mekong project aims to assist fish farmers in five Mekong countries (Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Myanmar) better manage climate-related risks, and thus capacities to adapt to climate change, through jointly evaluating and supporting the development or uptake of promising innovations. The project is led by the Unit for Social and Environmental Research (USER), School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University.



INNOVATIONS

Innovations are novel practices or new applications of knowledge. While usually they are thought of as technologies, such as a pond aerator powered by wind, for example, they may also be institutions, as in weather index-based insurance, or information-communication systems. In this project, country teams will work closely with farmers to develop solutions to climate risk management challenges that are appropriate to local conditions and fish culture systems. The expected outcome is that fish farmers are better able to manage climate-related risks and adapt to climate change.

OBJECTIVES

- Prioritize needs for innovation in management of climate-related risks and adaptation to climate change in the aquaculture sector in target locations in the Mekong countries.
- Identify, refine, and enhance uptake of sustainable innovations with high potential to improve capacities to manage climate-related risks and adapt to climate change in the target locations.
- Distill and share lessons learnt regarding innovation for adaptation in the aquaculture sector with relevant private and public stakeholders.

