



Use of freshwater low value fish for aquaculture development in the Cambodia's Mekong basin

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Abstract

Aquaculture of carnivorous and omnivorous fish species and crocodile in Cambodia is highly dependent on inland fisheries of low value fish for sourcing key dietary nutrient inputs. Thousands of tonnes of low value fish are also used for producing fish and other animal meal and for human consumption. This study provides clear understanding of the current status of freshwater low value fish. In order to achieve this goal, five objectives are developed: (1) To identify and characterise these low value fish into different species, genus or family; (2) To determine approximate quantities or proportions, to the extent possible, of low value fish; (3) To identify issues relating to the utilization of low value fish in Cambodia; (4) To examine actions/strategies to address the identified issues; and (5) To imply for aquaculture development and sustainable fisheries management in Cambodia's Mekong basin.

