

Raising *ulang* in fish cages

It is now feasible to raise *ulang* (giant freshwater prawn) in fish cages in lakes.

The technology was developed and continues to be refined under a collaborative project on the development of genetically improved strain of this shrimp species scientifically named *Macrobrachium rosenbergii*.

The project is being implemented in the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand.

From 2003 to 2005, it was part of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC (Association of Southeast Asian Nations-Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center) Special Five-Year Program on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security in the Region.

In 2006, the project was placed under the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Fisheries Consultative Group Collaborative Mechanism.

The activities in the Philippines are implemented at the SEAFDEC Aquaculture Department (AQD) Binangonan Freshwater Station in Binangonan, Rizal; Mindanao State University (MSU) campus in Naawan, Misamis Oriental; DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-National Freshwater Fisheries Technology Center (BFAR-NFFTC) in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija; and BFAR National Integrated Fisheries Technology Development Center in Dagupan City, Pangasinan.

A flyer titled "Cage Culture of the Giant Freshwater Prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* in Lakes" has been produced by SEAFDEC AQD.

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