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SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE PROFESSIONS IN MOROCCO

The project was part of the continuing efforts implemented by the Kingdom of Morocco in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, in line with the Halieutis strategy. Its objective was to meet growing demand for technical assistance from aquaculture operators and to develop a skilled workforce for the management of planned farms off the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts.

The project, which was to be implemented in two phases, was designed with a view to establishing two demonstration/training stations off Sidi Ifni through a public-private partnership, in fish and shellfish farming respectively. These facilities will serve as a practical basis for the training of trainers, specialized and skilled workers across all aquaculture trades, and will be combined with theoretical training at the Maritime Professional Qualification Center (MPQC) in Sidi Ifni.

WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

In the first phase of the project, preparatory activities were carried out for the installation and commissioning of the two planned demonstration/training stations for fish and shellfish farming and the modernization of the Sidi Ifni MPQC. The necessary technical studies were thus carried out. The capacity-building needs of operators and trainers in the sector were identified and a plan was set up for the development and implementation of the training programme, which set out the course of the training (modules, time devoted to each field of study). Support for the Moroccan private sector was initiated with the signing of a public-private partnership between the project's implementing partner (NAAD) and Power Fish. This partnership represents an important opportunity to develop the aquaculture sector in the Guelmim-Oued Noun region and will contribute to job creation and the fight against youth emigration.

Phase 2 of the project (project GCP/MOR/055/MUL), jointly funded by the Government of Norway and the Government of the Netherlands, will complement and capitalize on the actions carried out by this project.



KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget

USD 482 998

Duration

December 2019-December 2022

Resource Partner

Government of Norway

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture, Marine Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forestry (Department of Marine Fisheries [DMF]), National Agency for Aquaculture Development (NAAD)

Beneficiaries

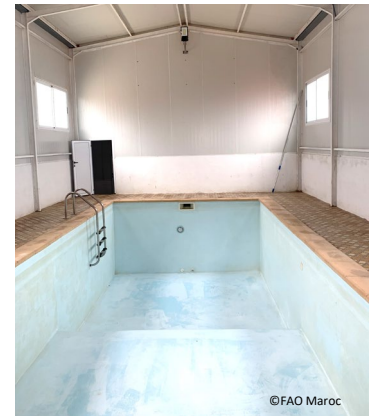
DMF, NAAD, technicians, workers and various operators in the private aquaculture sector, aquaculture training/research institutions

IMPACT

The project contributed to the improvement of food security through a sustainable increase in productivity of the aquaculture sector by strengthening the skills and knowledge of the personnel involved in the sector (trainers, managers, investors, technicians and specialized and skilled workers).

ACTIVITIES

- A number of bathymetry studies and analysis of the physical-chemical and biological state of the installation area.
- Development of the technical design of the two demonstration/ training facilities.
- Proposals for the development of MPQC.
- Identification of the capacity-building needs of operators and trainers in the fish and shellfish sectors on the basis of exchanges and surveys carried out among trainers.
- Definition of the training programme.
- Finalization of a public-private partnership agreement with Power Fish for the commissioning of demonstration/training facilities.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Project Title

Aquaculture capacity building project in Morocco through the establishment of an aquaculture demonstration/training station for the training of trainers and skilled and specialized workers

Project Code

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