

WORLD FISH SCIENCE WEEK

DAILY NEWS

Partners will help make it happen

This is Alonso Gonzales (CIAT) first time to join the WorldFish Science Week. As one of the partners in CRP1.3, CIAT's contribution to the shaping of the program is critical.

Alonso finds the format and agenda of Science Week interesting and an opportunity for us all to "get on the same boat" to think about how we are going to face the challenges of implementing CRP1.3.

CIAT's tropical fruits program, especially around coconut production is a "perfect match with CRP1.3" says Alonso.

Big Issues in Bangladesh

Bangladesh is one of the focal countries in CRP1.3 and typifies many of the issues faced in aquatic agricultural systems.

As a large part of Science Week is about further developing the implementation plans for the CRPs, Bill Collis, the WorldFish Country Manager in Bangladesh shared what he considered are the three key issues that need to be considered when working in a development context in Bangladesh.

As Bill says "first is poverty – 40% of the people are poor. Second is food security. Approximately 45% of the population is under nourished to some extent. And finally there are micro-nutrition issues."

With the experience WorldFish has in working with the partners in Bangladesh, Bill feels the time is right in Bangladesh for rolling out CRP 1.3 and we are now in a position to influence peoples' lives – hopefully for the better.

Feedback from Day 1

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Wednesday's Science Forum

- Benoy Barman: *Adivasi - poverty impacts*
- Shakuntala Thilsted: *Fish in the First 1,000 Days*
- Froukje Kruijssen: *Analyzing aquaculture livelihoods from a value chain perspective*
- Robert Holmer: *A Recipe for Healthy Cities: Vegetable Production in the Urban Environment*
- Huanh Chu Thai: *Conflicts between agriculture and aquaculture in the delta*
- Alonso Gonzalez: *Tropical fruits, coconuts and livelihoods*
- Leo Sebastian: *Agrobiodiversity framework for Asia-Pacific*
- Zainul Abedin: *Integrating rice and fish in Bangladesh*

Reminders

- Inaugural WorldFish 'mini Olympics' at the front lobby area (volley ball, ping pong, dodge ball and Frisbee football) with drinks and snacks provided.
- Watch out for WorldFish TV in the cafeteria at lunch time
- WorldFish T-shirts still on sale every morning – while stock lasts – during the coffee break (J Block).

Asian Premier

Wednesday's Highlights

08.30 Opening Plenary (Tilapia/Makumba)

Gathering and taking stock.

09.00 Plenary Workshop 2:

Gender and aquatic agricultural systems

13.30-15.15 Writeshops (Session 4)

1. **Aquatic Agricultural Systems** – BLOCK A Perch
2. **Strengthening aquatic resource governance** – BLOCK A Guppy
3. **Impact & outcomes of research & development** – BLOCK B Pari
4. **Gender** – BLOCK G/H FUGU
5. **Climate change and aquatic system** – BLOCK A Anchovy
6. **Resilience and its application in AAS** – BLOCK A Grouper
7. **Fish, food and nutrition: implications of the growth of aquaculture** – BLOCK E/F Eel
8. **Genetic improvement in aquaculture** – BLOCK G/H Genetics Laboratory
9. **Aquaculture and business** – BOARD ROOM

15.30-17.30 Science Forum (Auditorium)

17.30 "mini Olympics" (front lobby)

Upcoming Events

Plenary Workshop 3: Partnerships

Thursday 21 July

Asian Premier of the documentary film "Mekong the Nourishing River"

Thursday 21 July at 12.45 in the Auditorium

Plenary Workshop 4: Value Chains

Plenary Workshop 5: M&E and Impact Assessment

Friday 22 July