

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - AQUACULTURE

Question: What assistance can be obtained from the Fisheries Department for aquaculture?

Answer :

1. Technical advisory services and farm monitoring from time to time.
2. Technical assistance in terms of water quality, soil, as well as the selection of sites for aquaculture.
3. Support to Government Departments such as power and potable water services, and foreign workers license.

Question: What are the types of fish farming system in Brunei Darussalam?

Answer :

There are some systems that are used for livestock rearing fish as follows:

1. Pond culture of freshwater fish and prawn,
2. Marine fish farming in floating cages,
3. Offshore fish cage culture, and
4. Recirculating aquaculture system for farming marine and freshwater fishes in concrete and fiberglass tanks.

Among the system, marine fish farming in cages at the coastal and inshore areas is a system that is commonly used because of abundant water resources such as rivers, lakes or the sea. This system is used for both types of fish, marine and freshwater fishes. Meanwhile, the enclosure system such pen culture is rarely used for large-scale farming enterprises / commercial.

As for the cages type, other than rectangular cages that are normally used for coastal waters and in the Bay of Brunei, circular fish cages with a diameter of 18-20 meters is used for offshore fish farming. This system is used by commercial and foreign investors due to high capital and operation costs.

Question: What types of fish and prawn culture in Brunei Darussalam ?

Answer :

The types of fish that are cultured locally are seabass, grouper, snappers, trevallies, red tilapia, and pompano. Beside that other local fish species cultured includes rabbit fish and lobsters are also cultured in the floating fish cages.

As for marine shrimp farming in ponds, there are two (2) species of shrimp farmed, that is, rostris and giant tiger prawn. While for freshwater fish farming in ponds, species cultured are red tilapia, catfish, carps and giant freshwater prawn. Other local freshwater fish species cultured in freshwater ponds are catfish, perch, gouramies and snakeheads.

How to apply for sites for aquaculture business?

Answer :

First of all, Department of Fisheries will advertise the vacant sites in the local newspapers such as Pelita Brunei, Borneo Bulletin and The Brunei Times through a process called Request for Proposals (RFP). Then interested applicants will register their company to the RFP Secretariat in the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism via email. Issuance of RFP will take place normally for two (2) months during which time briefing of the RFP and site visit will take place. Interested proponents will submit their proposals before the dateline of the RFP closes. The proposals will be assessed by Evaluation Committee of the Department of Fisheries through substantive presentation by the proponents before the successful proponent can be selected and awarded upon endorsement by the Ministry Office. The whole process will take between 3 to 6 months.