







Evaluating Costs and Benefits of Prophylactic Health Products and Novel Alternatives on Smallholder Aquaculture Farmers In Asia and Africa (IMAQulate)

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Sample frame development: for systematic health management survey (patricia)
- Survey : Health management practices
 PHPs usage (patricia)
- Value chain analysis for PHPs (Rezin)
- Inventory of commercial PHPs (Rezin)

SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT: Systems overview

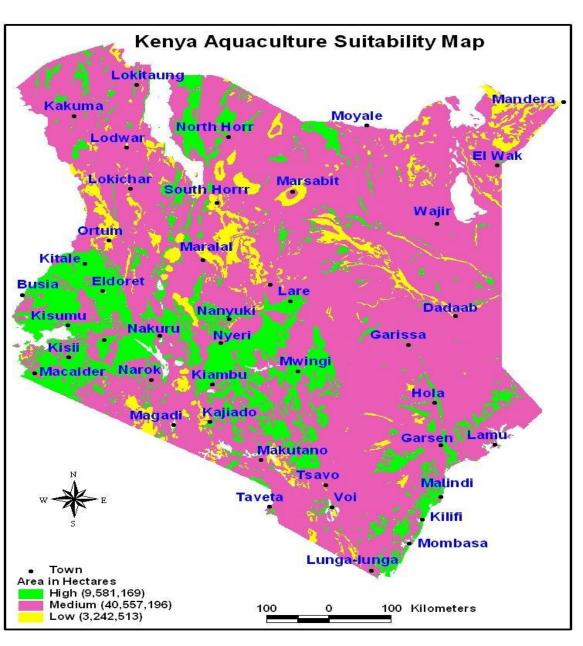
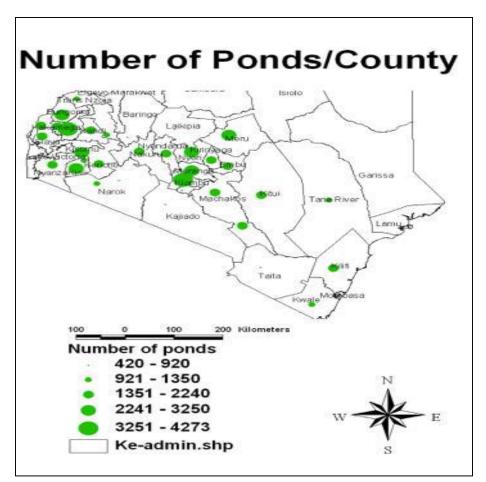
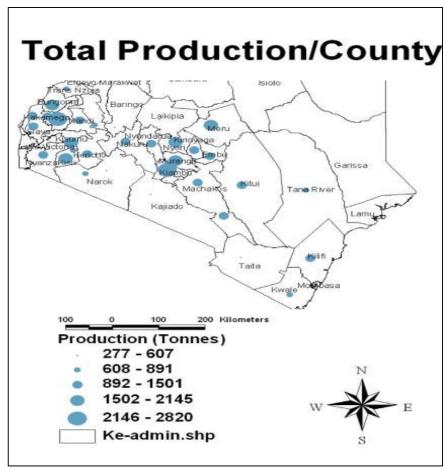


Fig1. Kenya Aquaculture Suitability Map (Source: SDF, 2009)

SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT: Systems overview





High pond density and activities in: western and central Kenya: Kakamega, Bungoma, Kisii, Meru, Nyeri, Kisumu, Muranga, Embu, among others, (SDF, 2014: SDF 2016).

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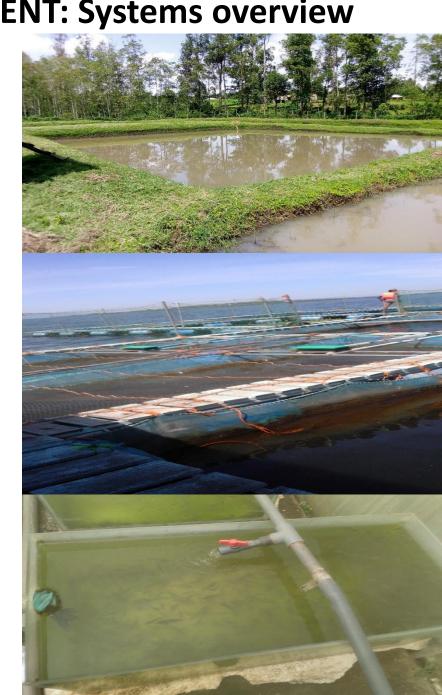
Production systems Mainly Semi intensive pond system--Stocking 3 fish
/m2

Intensive Cages in Lake Victoria--Stocking in cages (Density: 60 to 250 fish/m³; Sizes: 8 to 125m³)

Intensive RAS by hatcheries producing monosex fingerlings.

Small holder farmers: minimum of 1 pond; maximum of 60 ponds
Stocking rate of 3/m².

Culture periods: >6 months to get fish of 250 - 500g depending on the climatic zone/ region and management



SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT: stakeholder Database

- Information collected from:
 - Government state department of fisheries
 - Aquaculture Association of Kenya (AAK)
 - NGOs: GIZ & Farm Africa

SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholder database

- Generated a list of 2910 farmers
- Random sample of 250 farms proportionately

County	No. of farms	Allocated Sample size	
Kakamega	1230	99	
Busia	909	77	
Vihiga	458 32		
Kisii	50 10		
Homabay	61 9		
Kisumu	32	5	
Siaya	11	-	
Bungoma	8	-	
Nyamira	5	-	
Kitale	-		
Kiambu	66 9		
Kirinyanga	58 9		
Nyeri	9	-	
Muranga	2	-	
TOTAL	2910	250	

SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT: Summary

- Based on pond intensity and activity focused on western and central Kenya
- Based on number of farmers in available data base selected counties with highest number of listed farmers:
 - Busia, Kakamega, Vihiga, kisii, homabay & Kisumu
 - Kiambu & kirinyanga
- Based on production intensities to do cages 30 establishments exist in database – all to be surveyed

SAMPLE FRAME DEVELOPMENT:

 List of selected farms for each county were send to the relevant county fisheries directors for verification and confirmation of activeness

 Where listed farms were not active, they provided replacements (in some cases over 50% of selected farmers were not active and were hence replaced)

DEVELOPMENT OF SURVEY TOOL

- Draft questions were prepared by all IMAQULATE partners and send to IMAQULATE team coordinator
- Draft standard questionnaire was prepared
- Drafted questionnaire was revised and adapted to the Kenyan Situation (Kenyan team plus William Leischen)
- Questionnaire was piloted by UoS Msc student

SURVEY: Enumerators

- Identification and selection of enumerators:
 - Graduate & post graduate
 Students Aquaculture & fisheries programmes
 - KEMFRI interns, extension and Technical officers n total there were 8 enumerators
- In total 8 enumerators
- All enumerators travelled to Western Kenya with two project staff (Patricia & Julius) where the first day was used to train them.





SURVEY: implementation

- Advance contacts and facilitation were made to county directorates to contact the farmers and make appointments
- County directorates provided local guides who accompanied each enumerator. The guides were mainly extension officers and in some occasions fisheries officers
- Enumerators were transported to the respective sub-counties where they picked their local guides and moved to the various wards in each sub-county using local transport mechanisms e.g use of motorbikes, boats, or walking etc





SURVEY: implemementation

- Surveyed 4 counties in W. Kenya and 2 counties in C. kenya.
- Survey in the cages and in 2 counties in western kenya were postponed due to political animosity/time constraints

County	No. of farms	Allocated Sample	No. of farms
		size	surveyed
Kakamega	1230	99	49
Busia	909	77	63
Vihiga	458	32	31
Kisii	60	10	-
Homabay	61	9	32
Kisumu	32	5	-
Siaya	11	-	
Bungoma	8	-	
Nyamira	5	-	
Kitale	1	-	
Kiambu	66	9	7
Kirinyanga	58	9	14
Nyeri	9	-	
Muranga	2	-	
TOTAL	2910	250	196

Mortalities & Diseases – not a problem

Diseases of fish – many not aware of them, do not know specialists

(or refer to extension officers as the specialists)

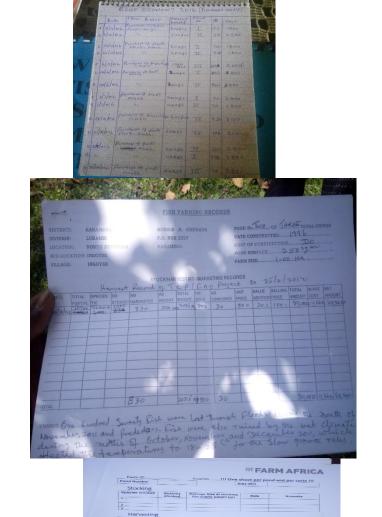
- Fish treatment:
 - Change water
 - Quarantine
 - Salt / copper sulphate bath
- PhP usage:
 - not there and majority have no idea what these are.
 - A few (elite) farmers have heard about them, from internet/facebook and aware of use in Asia/middle east
 - Mixed feelings: One farmer (a vet phd) knows about them – do not rush to giving probiotics – many people running away from chicken cos of them; others want to

 Feed is costly and unavailable - Some feed only when they have feed and can skip feeding even up to 2 weeks when they have no feed/stop feeding when feed is not available



- Record keeping:
 - Very few keep good records
 - Majority do not keep records

 "if you keep records you
 will be discouraged";
 'farming as a hobby';
- Production Data/costs/income:
 - part of the records that are not kept.
 - No willingness to share this information
 - Some holding/giving false information or categorically refusing to give information
 - High investment no returns



- Biggest challenges farmers perspectives:
 - Feed cost/availability/quality
 - Market/low prices (not profitable)
 - Low quality fingerlings
 - Unreliable water supply/drought
 - Capital/unavailability of credits
 - Predators/theft
 - Lack of knowledge/who to consult or get advise from

- Proposed interventions farmers perspectives
 - Good feeds quality, available, affordable
 - Good seed/breeds
 - Establishment of co-operative to buy fish from farmers/linkage to markets/regulation of prices
 - Accessibility of trained people for consultations/functional extension offices
 - Training/empowerment on fish health diagnostics/management
 - Establishment of an e-link for farmers to share experiences and get help from each other
 - Establishment of farmer led training centers

SURVEY: Experiences/challenges

Dormant /neglected farms

- Some had not gone through a production cycle
- No effective communication for farmers to wait for the enumerators (absent).
- Some extension officers felt ambushed/were not cooperative



SURVEY: Experiences/challenges

- Some holding/giving false information or out rightly refusing to give information on some questions
- Some Farm managers/spouses have no idea what is going on
 do not have information
- High distance between farmers a lot of time spend moving from one place to another
- Lack of network coverage communication problem
- Questionare too long
- Fatique with surveys/questionaires so many and never return with feedback/help to farmers

Future outlook

- Coding ongoing
- Completion of survey in cages
- On farm trial
- Data entry/Analysis
- Dissemination materials
- Dissemination & Feedback activities

Thank you

