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Aquaculture Branch ROLES & FUNCTIONS

HISTORY

Commercial Aquaculture was introduced to Jamaica in 1976 through a USAID/GOJ funded project. This project was very successful and led to the establishment of commercial Aquaculture in Jamaica. Although Aquaculture has grown to include shrimp farming and ornamental fish and aquatic plants, Tilapia is the main food fish produced in Jamaica both for local

ROLES & FUNCTIONS

The Aquaculture Branch of the Fisheries Division falls under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, with key responsibilities being to provide the support mechanisms needed to foster the sustainable development of the Aquaculture Sector. This is achieved through the following:

- Provision of Extension Services to fish farmers
- Provision of high quality ornamental and food fish seed stocks
- Engaging in adaptive research of economically important species of freshwater flora and fauna
- Training and technology transfer



MARICULTURE FACILITY

- The production of mangrove oyster

EXTENSION SERVICES

This comprises of the following:

- Site Evaluation
- Cost / Return Analysis
- Pond construction supervision
- Routine and Emergency Assessments
- On & offsite Training
- Technical Advice

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

- Investigation of indigenous species
- Investigations into the production of the Red Tilapia Fingerlings.
- Tilapia feed formulation.
- Alternative feed formulation from natural resources



OTHER SUPPORT SERVICE

This includes the rental of equipment used in production (seine nets, hauling tanks, and air pumps) delivery and harvesting of fish and also the sale of both ornamental and Tilapia seedstock.