



# Aquaculture Farmers' Disaster Handbook

## At start of season



- Listen to radio advisories
- In flood-prone areas, repair any broken burms and harvest stocks that can be marketed.
- Ensure that farm equipment is working properly e.g. battery, lights and radio.
- Clean all drain networks located on the farm.
- Report any external drainage system that needs cleaning to the relevant authority.
- If you live on your farm, be familiar with established evacuation routes.
- Plan with neighbours on things to be done by each other if a hurricane comes.

## After Release of Warning

- Stock-up on feed (at least 1 week's supply). Be sure to stock on pallets well above floor level.
- Stock-up on all fuel needed. Have at least 3 days' supply.
- Charge cell phones fully.
- Service equipment, such as pumps, aerators and generators.
- Move all equipment to higher ground.
- Secure windows and doors and batten down roof on all farm buildings.
- Lower all pond water levels by at least one acre-foot and secure drain pipes in that position.
- Turn off all irrigation supplies to the farm.
- Cut away large trees from around ponds, road-ways and line poles.
- Obey the warnings posted by ODPEM.
- Disconnect electrical power supply.

## Recovery Measures

- Check ponds for flooding, pH and stocks.
- Clear blocked drains both on farm and along roadways.
- Render assistance to your neighbours. This will help to speed up the recovery process.
- Report any downed power lines or broken bridges to the appropriate authorities.

