

Workshop on the Manila (asari) clam

The third international symposium on Manila (asari) clam was followed by a workshop to share and comparatively analyze information on the trends of asari fishery and aquaculture production from major producing countries at the National Research Institute of Aquaculture, Fisheries Research Agency in Minamiise, Mie, Japan, hosted by the same institute on June 3, 2015.

Brief country reports under a fixed format were presented by the participants from Canada, China, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Portugal and Turkey to understand the differences and commonalities of the production methods, social, economical and biological aspects in each country. Major constraints for the clam production and possible countermeasures for the recovery of the production were discussed. Furthermore, based on the discussion, possibilities of future research collaborations were sought out among the participating countries. A framework for mutual information exchange was also established.

Aside from the major points discussed, one of the proposals raised in the workshop was standardization of condition index (i.e. weight to size ratio) of asari. Different researchers use different condition index (condition factor), making it difficult to compare data among reports. The participants agreed to try to resolve this issue.

Program

June 3, 2015 (Wednesday)

Venue: National Research Institute of Aquaculture, Fisheries Research Agency,
Nakatsuhamaura, Minamiise, Mie, Japan

09 : 00-9 : 05: Opening Remarks

Megumi Minagawa (Director General, National Research Institute of Aquaculture,
Fisheries Research Agency)

09 : 05-9 : 15: Purpose, objectives, and organization for the workshop

Junya Higano, (National Research Institute of Aquaculture, Fisheries Research Agency)

09 : 15-10 : 30: Country report presentations

Canada: Brian Kingzett (Vancouver Island University)

China: Fang Jian-Guang (Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute)

France: Xavier de Montaudouin (University of Bordeaux)

Italy: Marco Bartoli (Parma University)

Japan: Natsuki Hasegawa (Fisheries Research Agency)

Korea: Kwan-Sik Choi (Jeju National University)

Portugal: Stefania Chiesa (University of Aveiro)

Turkey: Serpil Sarder (Ege University)

10 : 30-10 : 40: Coffee break

10 : 40-12 : 00: General Discussion

12 : 00-12 : 10: Closing remarks

Kwan-Sik Choi (Jeju National University)

