

Improving research and development of Burmas' inland and coastal fisheries



Key details

Location Myanmar	
Duration	
Start Sep 2012	End Dec 2016
Budget	AUD 2,068,439
Commissioned	organisation
WorldFish Cente	er
Partners	
Department of F	isheries; Food Security Working
Group	
Project Leader	
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Program	<u>Fisheries</u>
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Overview

The project (MYFish) aimed to strengthen research and development capacity in Myanmar's capture and culture fisheries to facilitate comanagement and to develop smallscale aquaculture (SSA) in the Ayeyarwady Delta (AD) and Central Dry Zone (CDZ).

MYFish has been a timely project for the Department of Fisheries (DoF) coinciding with the political and rural reforms of the rural sector initiated in 2011 by the new civilian government.

The project has promoted new understandings of the fishery sector and DoF are increasingly applying research for development and management that is stimulating new policy directions in rural aquaculture and fisheries management.

MYFish has demonstrated increases in production by 40% and doubling of gross income through SSA and producer networks, and has improved R&D capabilities resulting in new knowledge and learning. The project has benefited from the close partnership developed between WorldFish and DoF and embedding the project within the institution of DoF. The partnership has engaged technical staff, researchers and policy makers in research and extended these interactions to NGOs, universities, private sector, fishers and producers.

