

Consultation Workshop on

Challenges of Golda Seed (Post Larvae) Production and Research Needs

Shrimp production and export have been playing an important role in the Bangladesh's economy. The recent trend shows that production and export of shrimp are declining. Golda, the Giant Freshwater Prawn is one of the important aquaculture species farmed by small-scale farmers and contributes around 20% of total shrimp export for the country. Moreover, Golda has a growing local market for domestic consumption and treated as high value posh food item on festival dish.

Thousands of small-scale farmers depend on Golda aquaculture are suffering due to the scarcity of Golda Seed (PL) used to supply from wild sources and over 70 Golda hatcheries across the country. It is reported that unknown diseases and early larval mortality at hatcheries along with scarcity of healthy brood constrained steady production of Golda PL. This crisis encouraging illegal PL fishing from the wild sources and invasion of 'guest PLs' trafficked from other countries.



Country Director, WorldFish Centre is speaking on Golda PL



Audience of the Workshop

Considering the importance of the matter and growing interest of the stakeholders related to Golda, Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) organized a Consultation Workshop on '**Challenges of Golda Seed (Post Larvae) Production and Research Needs**' on 25 February 2019 at BARC Training Hall, Farmgate, Dhaka.



Presenter are delivering their papers

Presided over by Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Director, KGF, Dr. Malcolm Dickson, Country Director, WorldFish Centre attended the meeting as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Kazi M. Kamaruddin, Program Director (Livestock & Fisheries), KGF welcomed the participants. A good number of scientists from NARS institutes including BARC, BFRI, WorldFish, FAO, University Faculties, Winrock International, BRAC, KGF experts and others were present in the meeting.



Designated discussants discussed on the papers

A total 55 participants attended the workshop and expressed their experiences, ideas and involvement in the process towards solving the national problem on Golda. Three papers were presented in the workshop and were well discussed by the designated discussants and others and a range of recommendations have been adopted from the consultation meeting.