Transition of fish farming from subsistence to sustainable semi commercial activity in Uganda

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Abstract

Transition of fish farming from subsistence to sustainable semi commercial activity in Uganda Fish farming in Uganda has not been taken to semi commercial levels by small scale famers due to many challenges. They range from lack of fish seed, quality fish feeds, lack of market, poor infrastructure, unavailability of trained and experienced staff, poor extension methods and poor project planning and implementation. Many interventions have been done to rectify the situation but the gap still exists. You have to look at what farmers have, where they are in terms of development, what they can afford, their understanding level, their culture, their environment which will enable you to understand their needs. Dictating to farmers is wrong, instead you have to involve them through their experience, understanding level as they grab new ideas which will determine how they will adapt and develop them within their local setting. Paying particular attention to detail will develop industry by ensuring that intended goals are achieved. Sustainable development and transition of the industry will need appropriate technology which the farmers can afford economically. Sharing of information in a group is also a great pillar in building sustainable institution as they can improve their operations, brings bargaining power in product marketing as well as sharing costs. Thanks to the intervention of CIRAD project in Eastern Uganda in the year June 2010 to June 2011 entitled, “Research In action Partnership”, which unveiled the way to follow to bring profitability in the aquaculture sector.