



**Evaluation of Feed-Type Choices  
and Performance of Fish Farming  
in Akure South Local Government  
Area of Ondo State, Nigeria**

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# Introduction

## ❖ Background Information

- Economic Importance of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Nigeria.
  - Protein Requirement, Job Creation, Income Generation, Adding to GDP
- Demand-Supply gap
  - DD (1.5mMT); SS (0.51mMT); IMP (0.7mMT @ USD400m) – Vincent-Akpu (2013)
- World's fastest growing food production sector

## ❖ Problem Statement

- Potential to Increase fish Production
- Low production level
- Huge amount is spent in importing feeds
- Fish farmers could not afford imported feeds
- Let make use of our resource! – cassava, groundnut, <sup>2</sup>

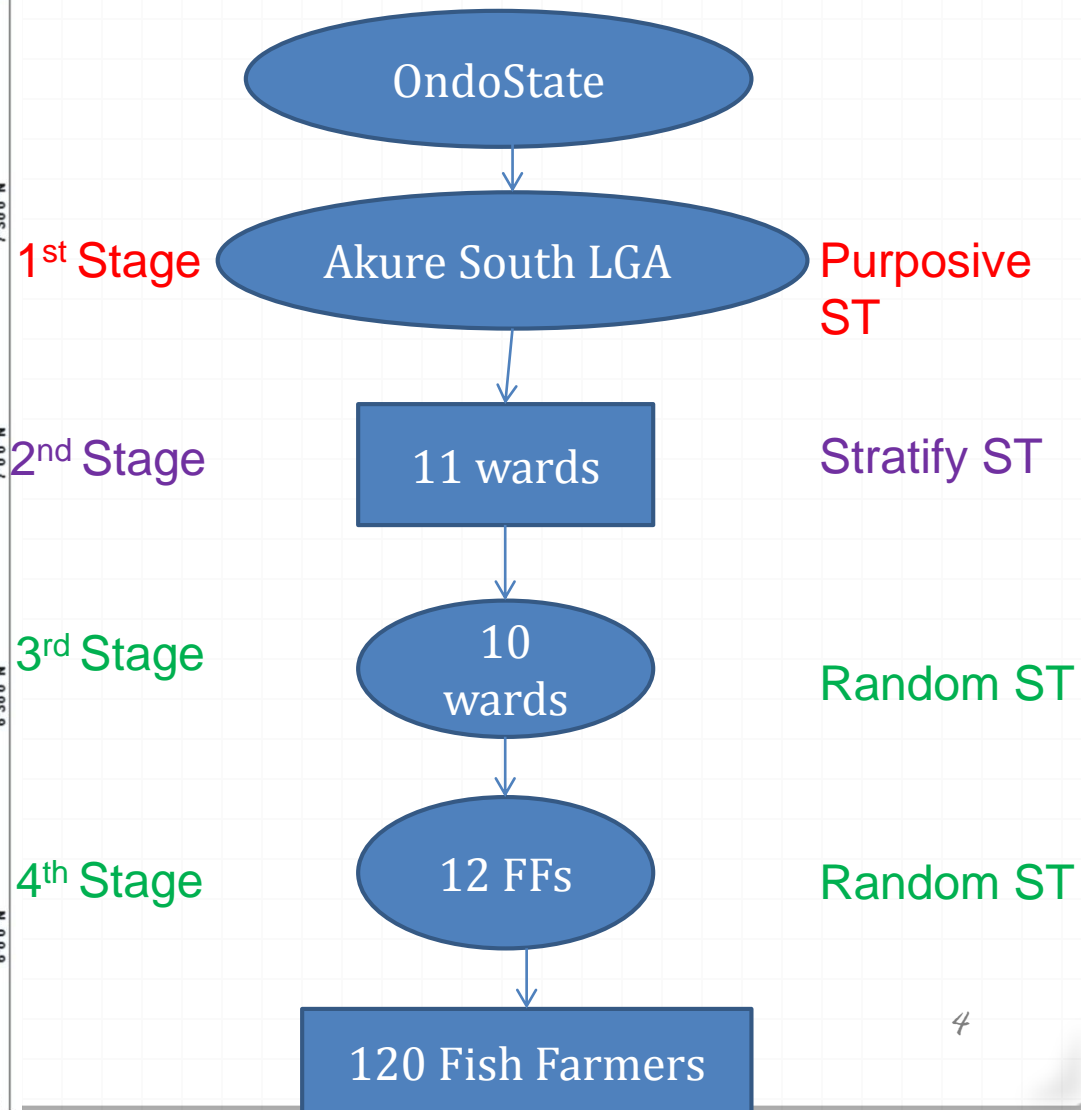
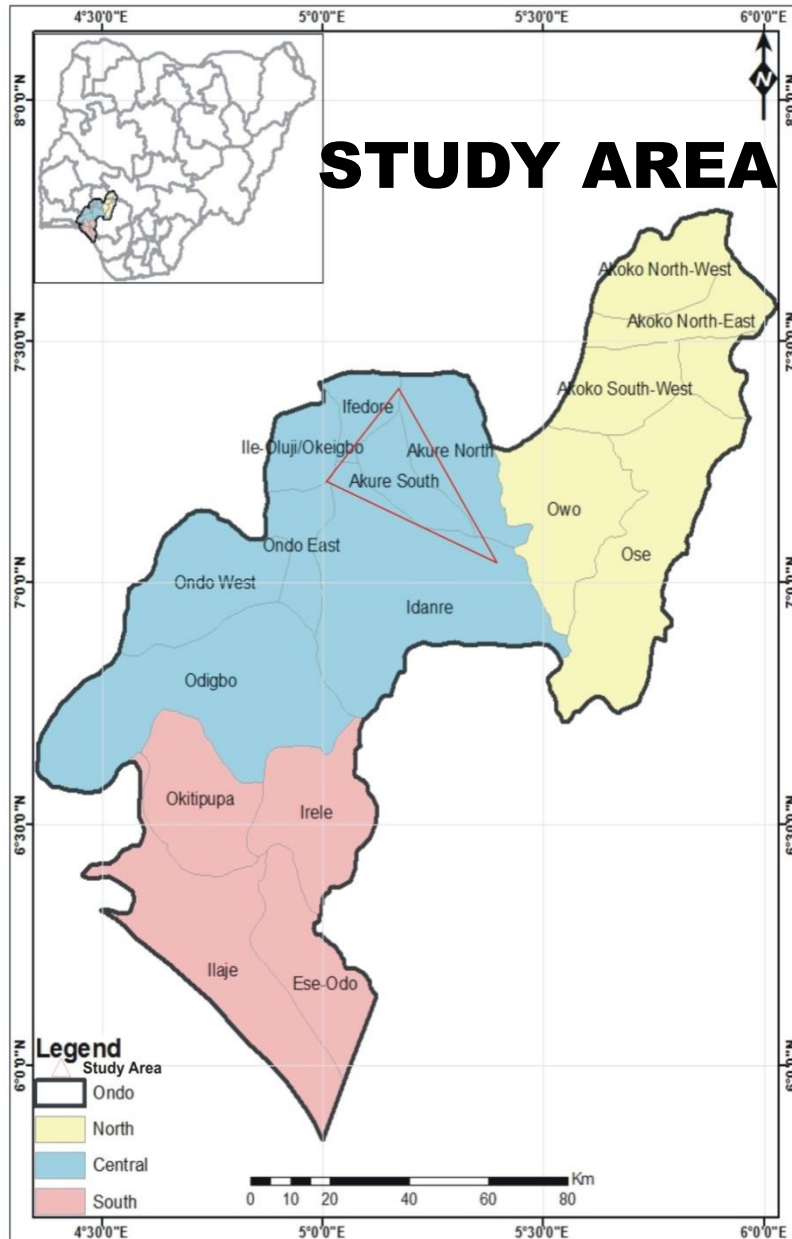
# Objectives:

- To ascertain socio-economic characteristics of the respondents
- To determine costs and returns of the fish farming
- To identify actual choice of feed-type employed by the farmers
- To determine factors that influence choice of feed-type employed by the respondents

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## SAMPLING TECHNIQUE & DATA COLLECTION

### STUDY AREA



# Analytical Tools

- Descriptive Statistics (such as frequency, %, table)
- Budgetary Analysis and Profitability Indicator Measures
- Multinomial Logit (MNL) Regression model
  - Model Specification

$$Y_i = f(X_i) \quad (1)$$

$$Prob \left( Y_i = \frac{j}{x_i} \right) = \frac{e^{\beta_j x_i}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^J e^{\beta_k x_i}}, j = 0, 2 \dots J, \beta_0 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\delta_j = \frac{\delta P_j}{\delta x_i} = P_j \left[ \beta_j - \sum_{k=0}^J P_k \beta_k \right] = P_j (\beta_j - \bar{\beta}) \quad (3)$$

Where:

$Y_i$  = IFT (1); CLIFT (2); & LFT (3)

$X_i$  = Age, marital status, income, education, experience, household size, pond size, fish price, cost of feeds & access to credit



# RESULTS & DISCUSSION

## Socio-economic Characteristics of the Fish Farmers



Variables	Majority (%)	Mean	Standard deviation
Age	41 – 50 (46.9)	47.31	18.27
Gender	Male (75.8)	-	-
Household size	6 – 10 (48.3)	8.12	5.69
Marital status	Married (74.2)	-	-
Fish farming experience	$\leq 5$ (45.0)	4.90	14.38
Educational level	Tertiary (35.8)	-	-





## Socio-economic Charateristics Cont'd

Variables	Majority (%)
Type of fish cultured	Juveniles (57.5)
Water source	Stream/rivers (87.5)
Pond type	Earthen (85.8)
No. of ponds	4 – 6 ponds (45.0)
Source of credit	Personal savings (60.0)
Source of labour	Family (56.7)





## Costs and Returns Analysis

**N =120**

Variables/annum	Mean value in ₦ (%)
Total variable cost	280,304.31 (66.69)
Total fixed cost	140,018.21 (33.31)
Total cost of fish production	420,322.52 (100.00)
Total Revenue	812,112.67

### Profitability measures

Gross margin (GM) = TR – TVC = ₦531,808.36/annum

Profit(Π) = TR – TC = ₦391,790.15/annum

Benefit-cost-ratio (BCR) = TR/TC = 1.93

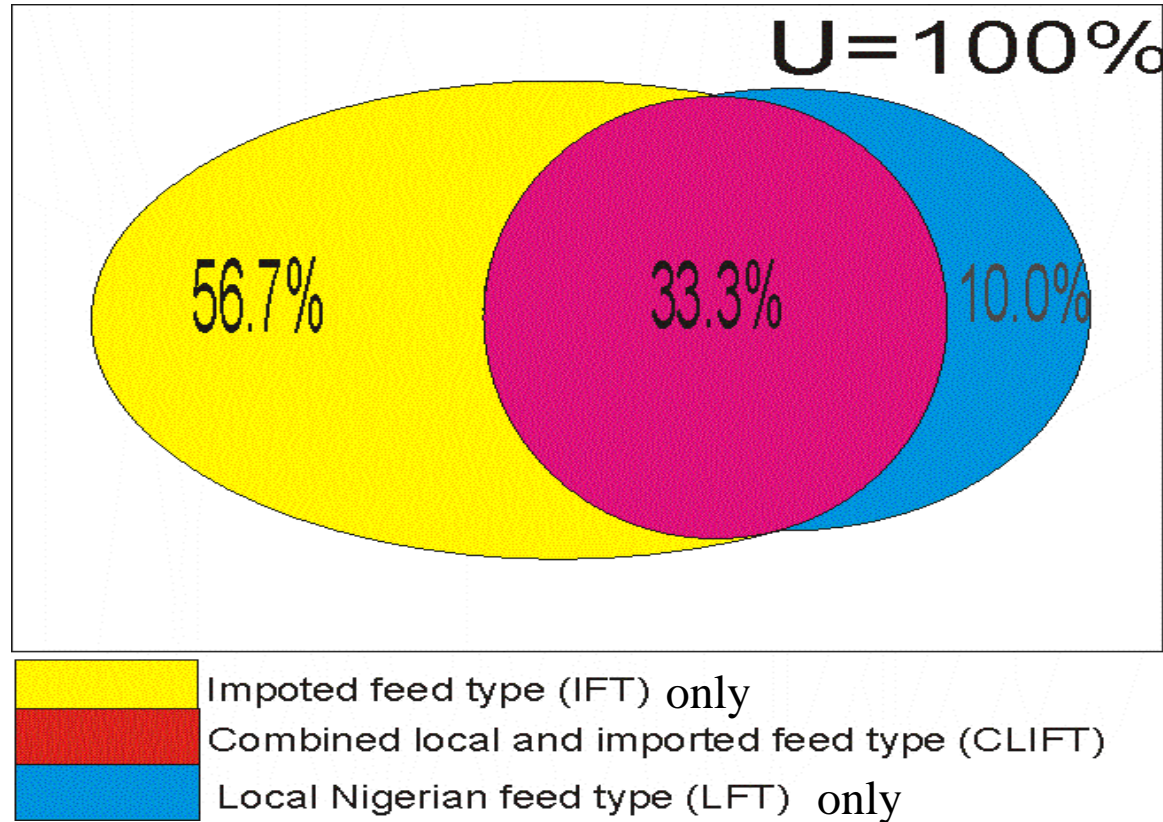
Expense structure ratio (ESR) = FC/VC = 0.50

% profit =  $\Pi/TC \times 100 = 93\%$

Note: ₦163 is equivalent to 1USD



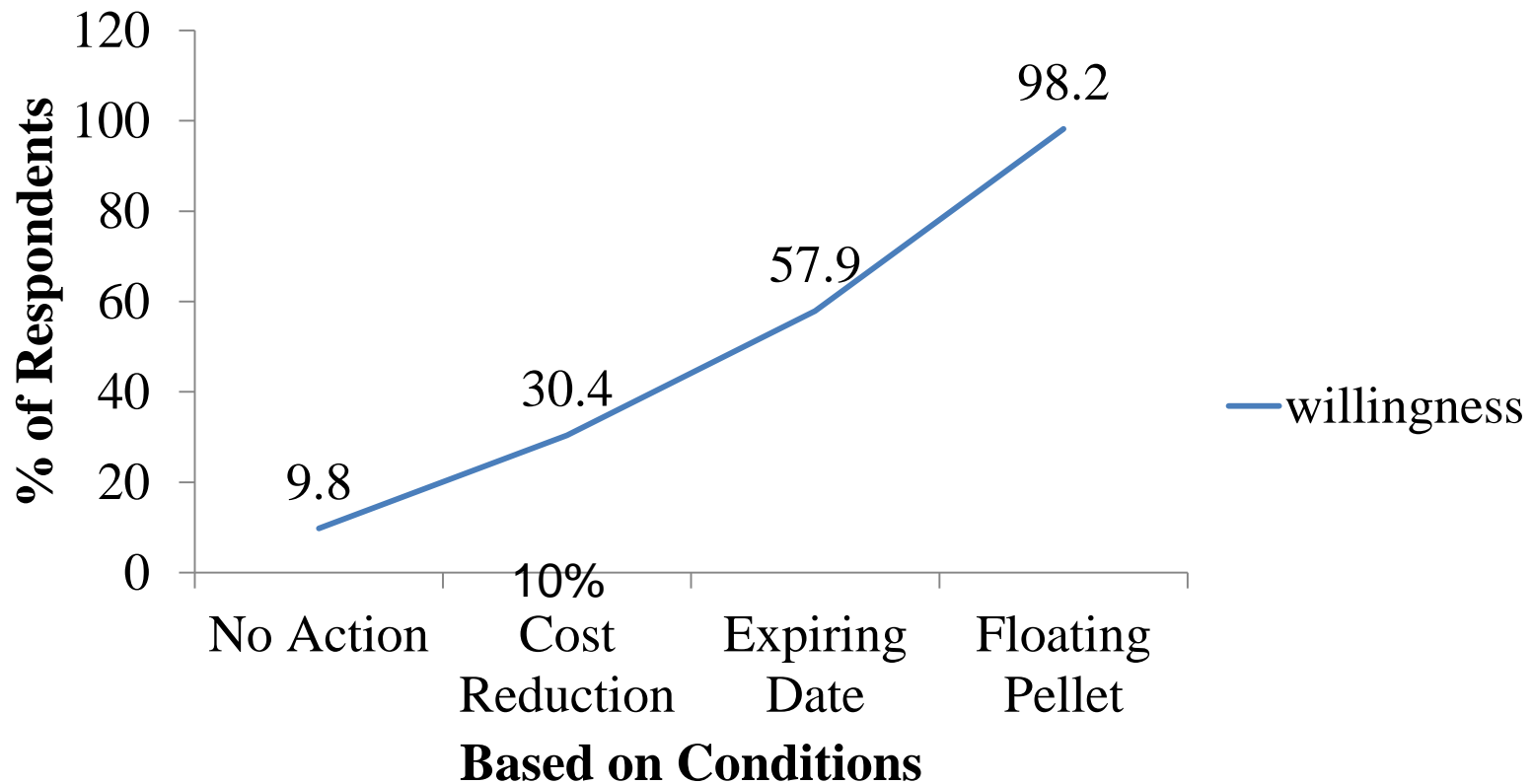
## Fish Farmers' Preference for Feed Utilization



### Reasons:

- ✓ Imported feed makes fishes grow rapidly and faster
- ✓ Floating pelletized feeds
- ✓ Rate of consumption and level of satisfaction
- ✓ Yield prediction
- ✓ Preservation/Expiring date
- ✓ High cost of feeds

# Willingness to utilize Local Nigerian Feed Only





Results of marginal effects of the MNL model that determine the preference for feed types

Explanatory variables	Imported feed type (IFT)		Combined local and imported feed type (CLIFT)	
	Coefficient (P-value)	Marginal effects	Coefficient (P-value)	Marginal effects
Age	-4.012 (0.123)	0.202	5.123 (0.101)	0.910
Marital status	-0.183 (0.611)	-0.001	-0.231 (0.711)	-0.001
Household income (₦)	6.23E-3* (0.049)	6.231	1.981 (0.101)	0.049
Education	0.028* (0.010)	0.002	0.024** (0.002)	0.003
Experience	0.588*(0.012)	0.043	0.036** (0.001)	0.007
Household size	-0.026 (0.020)	-0.002	2.211 (0.101)	1.101
Pond size	0.790* (0.041)	0.117	-0.567* (0.010)	-0.006
Cost of feeds	3.412 (0.099)	0.071	-1.357* (0.037)	-0.009
Fish price(₦/kg)	0.044 (0.660)	0.003	1.193** (0.007)	0.006
Access to credit	0.490* (0.031)	0.036	0.274 (0.144)	0.047

Note: \*\*significant at 1%, \*significant at 5%; No.of observation = 120; LR chi-square (78) = 134.21\*\*;  
Log Likelihood = - 192.93; Pseudo- R<sup>2</sup> = 0.271  
IFT= Imported feed type; CLIFT= Combine local and imported feed type; LFT = Local Nigerian feed type  
Base category = LFT



# CONCLUSION

- Men & Youth Involvement  Women PPT 
- Credit Source = Personal Savings
- Based on the value of profitability measures, It re-established the fact that Fish Farming is a lucrative venture that contributes to food security, poverty alleviation and the Nigerian economy.
- IFT was utilized mostly by the Fish Farmers
- Majority are “WILLING TO GO FOR LFT” & This is capable of creating more employment, augmenting income and improving the standard of living of the people.
- MNL Results: Edu., Expr. Incom., PondSiz., Credit ...

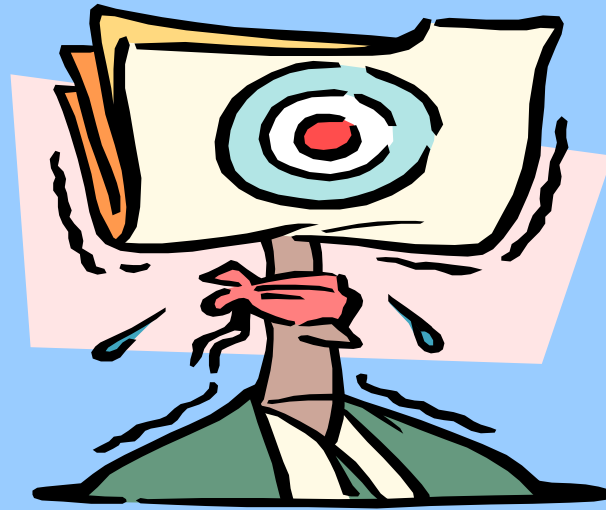
# RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Females need to be encouraged to participate in fish farming in the area as a means of augmenting their income and improve their standard of living.
- ❖ Making Credit Available, Affordable & Accessible
- ❖ Effort should be made to bring down the cost of feeds by exploring Local Nigerian feeds through well-funded researches.

# *Thanks for your attention*

*Comments ??*

*Questions??*



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