

Efficient Aquaculture Production: A Panacea for Alleviation of Nutritional Poverty in Nigeria

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Abstract

There is worsening nutritional deficiency in Nigeria due to the inability of the country, food production rate to meet food demand rate, manifesting in widespread hunger and malnutrition. Nigerians are high fish consumers and offer the largest market for fisheries products in Africa because fish is the cheapest source of animal protein for essential body functions. Fish production from capture fisheries has been on the decline, resulting in increase in poverty and nutritional deficiency and Aquaculture production remains the best option to bridge the gap between fish demand of 1.5 million tonnes and domestic production of