



The President

ENGLISH VERSION

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am honoured and have the great pleasure to invite you to take part in the “Tahiti Aquaculture 2010” conference-workshop that will be held in Tahiti from 6 to 11 December 2010.

In 1989, more than 20 years ago, Tahiti held the first aquaculture conference “Advances in Tropical Aquaculture”. Then, Ifremer works in shrimps aquaculture and beginning of fish farming showed that Tahiti, through the Centre Océanologique du Pacifique was the leader in tropical aquaculture.

Unfortunately, in 20 years, except for pearl culture, a fully aquaculture field in our country, French Polynesia could not or did not take advantage of these advanced techniques to develop a strong and permanent aquaculture.

However, for several years, there has been a renewal thanks to an undeniable local potential and to new progress:

- the Polynesian strain of shrimps that has been cultured for some twenty years is free from pathogens and cage culture techniques are very promising;
- paraha peue or *Platax orbicularis* fish farming, a delicacy in Tahiti, is now mastered and is being transferred to the private sector;
- giant clam spat collection within some exceptional Polynesian lagoons frees us from hatcheries’ techniques;
- French Polynesia developed reef larvae collection techniques that are being improved and used by reef developers for ecotourism;
- Finally, besides training of a new researchers and developers team at the Service de la pêche, local national and international collaborations, French Polynesia invested with the help of the State in a new shrimp and fish hatchery, structuring tool for aquaculture industry that should be built in 2011.

With these progress, the government of French Polynesia decided to organise a new conference on aquaculture in Tahiti. This “Tahiti aquaculture 2010” conference-workshop follows two important conferences on aquaculture within the tropical aquaculture island world.

- marine pisciculture workshop in Asia-Pacific (Nouméa, december 2007);
- Mayotte 2008 Overseas Aquaculture workshop or second biennial meetings of aquaculture within the French Overseas Communities (Mayotte, December 2008).

“Tahiti aquaculture 2010” main topic will be problematics, trends and alternatives for a sustainable aquaculture in tropical island environment.

This conference will allow scientists, developers, professionals and other actors of the aquaculture field to exchange their results and experiences in order to find sustainable development conditions of aquaculture in tropical island environment.

It will be interesting to exchange on various island experiences peculiar to each ocean, island and culture.

Entry booklet and invitations to submit scientific presentations summaries will be soon posted on the website of the Service de la pêche of French Polynesia (<http://www.peche.pf/>)

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON
Sunday, 05/12	-	-	4 to 6 p.m.: Registration
Monday, 06/12	- 7 a.m. Registration - 8.30 a.m. Traditional welcome - 9 a.m. Opening ceremony - 10 a.m. SPC report on the Pacific region - 10.30 a.m. Ifremer report on the French overseas departments and territories - 11 a.m. 4 national and regional reports	12.20- 2 p.m.	- 2 – 3.40 p.m. 5 national and regional reports - 3.40 – 4.10 p.m. Coffee break - 4.10 – 5.50 p.m. 5 national and regional reports - 7 p.m. Cocktail party at the Presidential Residence
Tuesday, 07/12*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic 1 : Hatchery-based aquaculture - Topic 2 : Aquaculture based on sustainable harvest from natural settings - Topic 3 : Aquaculture’s social and economic development and interactions with fisheries on tropical islands - Topic 4 : Aquaculture environment and health issues on tropical islands - Topic 5 : Aquaculture governance on tropical islands 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. : Poster exhibit 		
Wednesday, 08/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field trips by group to the peninsula (G1/ morning G2/ afternoon): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Vairao aquaculture centre (Ifremer, SPE, CTA) . Aquapac farm - Special sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Special workshop for the UAOM (Union des aquaculteurs de l’Outre-Mer) . “Island aquaculture health network” workshop - 7 p.m.: Dinner at the Hotel School 		
Thursday, 09/12*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic 1 : Hatchery-based aquaculture - Topic 2 : Aquaculture based on sustainable harvest from natural settings - Topic 3 : Aquaculture’s social and economic development and interactions with fisheries on tropical islands - Topic 4 : Aquaculture environment and health issues on tropical islands - Topic 5 : Aquaculture governance on tropical islands 7 p.m. : Cocktail party at the French High Commission 		
Friday, 10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the various topics - Workshops to get proposals and recommendations - Report on the workshops and summary 		
Saturday, 11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field trip to Moorea : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . CRIOBE and work on larvae collection and farming . Opunohu shrimp farm 		

* The exact distribution and number of sessions on Tuesday and Thursday will be decided later based on the number of papers submitted and then accepted by the scientific committee.

Translation is planned throughout the week, during both plenary and specific topic sessions.