

COASTAL WOMEN'S SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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Objectives

This workshop will bring together participants from coastal villages and technical assistance providers together to:

1. Provide training in bivalve shellfish culture methods;
2. Share results of the participatory research conducted as part of Investigation 1 and previous research; and
3. Develop an action plan for further development of the small-scale bivalve industry.

The majority of the participants in this workshop will be women and girls since they are the primary participants in shellfish farming. Although the technical focus for the workshop will be spat collection and the improved nursery methods (see previous investigation), the full range of bivalve shellfish topics will be covered. Site visits and hands-on training will also be included. Our standard workshop methodology is to minimize classroom learning and maximize the time spent with experiential learning.

Significance

This workshop will provide an opportunity to provide training and a venue to discuss research and training efforts provided as of the date of the workshop. Moreover, it will bring stakeholders together to develop an action plan to guide future efforts.

Activity Plan

The workshop will be primarily focused on women shellfish farmers and technical assistance providers. A two day workshop will be held during which the following topics will be addressed: 1) provide training in bivalve shellfish culture methods; 2) share results of the participatory research conducted as part of Investigation 1 and previous research; and 3) develop an action plan for further development of the small-scale bivalve industry. Furthermore, since climate change impacts have already affected the other primary mariculture activity in East Africa (seaweed farming), a preliminary plan for adaptation to climate change impacts will be included on the workshop agenda.

Schedule

The workshop will be held in Year 2, most likely in May or June 2014.