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Title: Social and economic performance of tilapia farming in Ghana

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Abstract: This report presents an overview of the social and economic performance of tilapia farming in Ghana from a value-chain perspective. The content is based primarily on the synthesis of the relevant literature on fisheries and aquaculture in Ghana, and the information gathered by the authors from interviews and interactions with key leaders of the sector in Ghana from 2009 to 2015. In addition, information is also included from postings on Ghana to the Sustainable Aquaculture Research Networks in sub-Saharan Africa (SARNISSA) listserv, unpublished material from the authors' recently completed and ongoing research involving more than 500 fish farmers, processors and traders, government administrators and field officers, and researchers in Ghana, and the reanalysis of information from a combination of all these sources. The social and economic analysis uses the framework of Trienekens (2011), and draws heavily on almost a dozen recently completed value chain and related studies and reviews of the aquaculture and fisheries sectors of Ghana (Asmah, 2008; Abban et al., 2009; Cobbina, 2010; Ofori et al., 2010; Antwi-Asare and Abbey, 2011; Hamenoo, 2011; Nunoo et al., 2012; Simpson, 2012; Anane-Taabeah, Quagrainie and Amisah, 2015). [Note that this is the first paragraph of the introduction.]

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