

The Mali Project works within the framework of three thematic areas: Pond Culture, Rice-Fish Culture, and Fisheries Planning. For the aquaculture themes, the project seeks to identify appropriate strategies for pond aquaculture and rice-fish culture and to make those strategies available for implementation by farmers in selected areas. For the fisheries sector, it seeks to evaluate the present status of the Lake Sélingué fishery and involve local stakeholders in the planning processes necessary for sustainable management of their fishery. During 2008 and 2009, a variety of activities were conducted under the Project's three thematic areas.



POND CULTURE:

- Conducted a short-course on pond construction and management in Bamako (24 trainees)
- Trained 4 Malians in catfish propagation techniques at Sagana Aquaculture Centre in Kenya
- Conducted a short-course on catfish propagation techniques in Bamako (22 trainees)
- Conducted on-farm research trials in the Bamako area to evaluate alternative pond culture strategies (20 trainees)
- Started academic training of 1 BS degree student



RICE-FISH CULTURE:

- Adapted rice-fish technologies from China to Mali (2 trainees)
- Set up and ran rice-fish demonstration plots in the Baguineda irrigation area (21 trainees)
- Held a post-demonstration workshop to discuss the outcomes of the research demonstration plots
- Conducted a workshop on appropriate aquaculture post-harvest technologies for Mali
- Started academic training of 2 BS degree students



FISHERIES PLANNING:

- Developed and adapted fisheries management technologies from Kenya to Mali (31 trainees)
- Conducted and analyzed a frame survey of Lake Sélingué
- Stakeholders' workshops are planned to discuss findings of the Sélingué frame survey and consider lake management options



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