

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

AQUACULTURE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM



RESEARCH REPORTS

Sustainable Aquaculture for a Secure Future

Title: Tilapia Yield Improvement Through Maintenance of Minimal Oxygen Concentrations in Experimental Grow-Out Ponds in Honduras

Author(s): David Teichert-Coddington and Bartholomew W. Green
Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures
Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
Auburn University
Auburn, AL, USA

Date: 21 February 2006

Publication Number: CRSP Research Report 93-A1

The CRSP will not be distributing this publication. Copies may be obtained by writing to the authors.

Abstract: Tilapia yields and water quality were compared in 1000-m² grow-out ponds that were unaerated, or aerated beginning at 10 or 30% of oxygen saturation. Tilapia yield and individual final size were significantly greater in aerated ponds than in unaerated ponds, but there were no significant differences between levels of aeration. Treatment means of organic-N, total P, chlorophyll a, net primary productivity, and total volatile solids were not significantly different. However, aeration caused higher clay turbidity as indicated by significantly higher total fixed solids and lower Secchi disk visibility in aerated treatments. Maintenance of oxygen above minimal levels augmented tilapia yields, but additional research is needed to make aerator use in tilapia culture more efficient and profitable.

This abstract is excerpted from the original paper, which was in *Aquaculture*, 118(1-2):63–71.

CRSP RESEARCH REPORTS are published as occasional papers by the Program Management Office, Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program, Oregon State University, 418 Snell Hall, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-1643 USA. The Aquaculture CRSP is supported by the US Agency for International Development under CRSP Grant No.: LAG-G-00-96-90015-00. See the website at <pdacrsp.orest.edu>.