



News and events

Sabah hosts regional exchange workshop on live reef food fish

As part of the Coral Triangle Initiative, a regional exchange workshop on live reef food fish was held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, in October 2010. The workshop generated a few news items, including these:

New Sabah Times reported on the Sabah government's commitment to making the local aquaculture industry, including the culture of live reef fish, a sustainable one (13 October 2010; <http://www.newsabahtimes.com.my/nstweb/fullstory/43250>).

Islands Business reported on Papua New Guinea's use of the ecosystem approach in its fishery management plans (15 October 2010; http://www.islandsbusiness.com/news/index_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=130/focusContentID=21115/tableName=mediaRelease/overrideSkinName=newsArticle-full.tpl).

Malaysia's *Daily Express* reported on 13 October 2010 the efforts of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines to collectively manage marine resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Eco-region through a tri-national regional conservation programme (story no longer available online).

Workshop: Market-based improvements in live reef fish food trade

A workshop was held 1–3 March 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, with the aim of improving management of the live reef food fish trade in the Coral Triangle. Information about the workshop, including copies of presentations, is available at: http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/where_we_work/coraltriangle/events/live_reef_food_fish_trade_workshop/. A 1 March 2011 AFP story associated with the workshop can be found at: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ipzGJZBGK88FzGZdwFZ7yUvqsu7w?docId=CNG.d70335b221e954b0bc244c109be991c4.391>

Taiwan's grouper farms mostly recovered after typhoon Morakot

Typhoon Morakot, which hit Taiwan in August 2009, reportedly damaged more than 90 per cent of the 1,500 hectares of grouper culture ponds in Taiwan. A year later, according to an 8 August 2010 story in *Taipei Times*, 80 per cent of grouper farms had, with government assistance, resumed operations (<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2010/08/08/2003479860>).

From reef to restaurant

A 9 February 2011 article in *CNN World* took a broad look at the live reef food fish trade, from the reefs of Palawan, Philippines, to the restaurants of Hong Kong and China. The article includes some good pictures (<http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/02/08/reef.fish.trade/index.html>).

A few videos

This WWF video (2008) focuses on the live reef food fish trade in the Coral Triangle: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzOdo1hDqvs>

This video, by WWF and Pulau Mas, looks at live reef food fish fisheries in Indonesia, and highlights Pulau Mas, a live fish exporting company committed to sourcing sustainable fisheries: http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/where_we_work/coraltriangle/solutions/live_reef_fish_trade/

Another video from Indonesia, produced by Pulau Mas and Komatkomit (2011), focuses on the perspectives of fishermen in the live reef fish fishery: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRPzTmWVPoE>

Taiwan launches its largest live fish carrier

According to a 22 September 2011 story in *Focus Taiwan*, a live fish carrier vessel capable of carrying 36 metric tons was launched from the port of Kaohsiung on its maiden voyage to mainland China. The vessel, built with government support, supplements Taiwan's 18-vessel fleet of live fish carriers, and is by far the largest in the fleet (http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aECO&ID=201109220040).

Reef fish aggregations

The Society for the Conservation of Reef Fish Aggregations released its Newsletter (no. 15) in October, with news on aggregation research and management from Australia and Fiji, among other locales (<http://www.scrfa.org/>).

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