

Aquaculture without Frontiers

MIGHTY OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW (14th Century proverb)

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The pilot tambak project in Aceh, Indonesia (see AwF Aceh Project # 1 on our projects page for details), initially modestly funded by NACA and augmented with a more substantial contribution from YSI granted through the WAS Tsunami Relief Fund and AwF, is now complete.

It is gratifying to read in the July-September issue of Aquaculture Asia (which can be downloaded by accessing www.enaca.org) that this pilot activity (with a total budget of US\$ 29,000) has now been topped up by a US\$ 600,000 fund from the French Red Cross to expand similar activities. In addition, the Asian Development Bank has set up a US\$ 30 million project aimed at rehabilitating the aquaculture and fisheries sector of Aceh. NACA (Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific) has been awarded a 2-year contract to manage this project, in association with Sloane Cook & King Pty. Ltd. Australia and PT Trans Intra Asia, Indonesia.

Disaster relief is not the prime activity of AwF but we were glad to be able to help the people of Aceh in a modest way through this project and through another three ongoing AwF activities (two also funded through YSI/WAS and the other comprising technical assistance to another NGO, Professionals International).

One of the advantages of small NGOs is our ability to act quickly, while the major funders are marshalling their substantial resources.

We wish every future success for the fish and shrimp farmers of Aceh and all those who are working so hard to assist them in these difficult times.