

VEGA VOLUNTEER PROFILE



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Career Summary: Daniel has assisted companies with implementing HACCP/QA programs, seafood processing standards and sanitation procedures in the USA, Indonesia, Taiwan, Nigeria, and Brazil. He has also assisted with advisory and fact-finding trips to Korea, China, Malaysia, Singapore, Senegal, The Gambia, Mexico, Guyana and El Salvador. He has experience as an instructor of seafood processing & quality/safety programs, PC software applications and Microbiology laboratory techniques.

As a team member, Daniel taught an ongoing Seafood HACCP course to over 340 members of the fishing/seafood processing industry.

Area (s) of Expertise: Improvement and modernization of food/seafood processing and related cold storage/distribution systems, building and/or integrating processing facilities to smoothly interface with fishing and aquaculture systems, transitioning facilities to E.U. and U.S. HACCP-based Food Safety & Quality Assurance Programs, assistance with exporting seafood products to the USA (FDA & Customs), technical analysis of raw material supply, logistics and quality issues, microbiology advising/analysis, seafood safety/quality workshops and seminars.

Education: M.S. Applied Biology, The Georgia Institute of Technology

Languages Spoken: English

ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Name of project: Teaching Seafood Safety/HACCP & Assisting with Transitions from Traditional to Modern Fish/Seafood Processing.

Country: Nigeria, Mexico, Myanmar & Senegal.

Duration of Assignment: Usually one to three weeks.

Volunteer Assignment & Impact: Assisted with transitions to HACCP Seafood Safety/Quality Systems. Presentations on U.S. Seafood Markets & Distribution.

Take-away messages/quotes: *“You can’t build a peaceful world on empty stomachs and human misery.”* Dr. Norman Borlaug, Father of the Green Revolution.

I believe Professor Borlaug’s quote epitomizes what all of us volunteering in food production are striving for.



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