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Letter from the Director

Aloha & Happy Earth Month!

As we take time this month to celebrate our amazing planet and its natural resources, I find myself reflecting on CTSA's recent trip to Palau. Our team traveled to Koror to participate in a workshop on the ongoing CTSA-supported projects at Palau Community College, and to meet with stakeholders to discuss opportunities for sustainable aquaculture development. While there, we also had the pleasure of taking a trip out to the famous Rock Island Sanctuary, where the environmental preservation efforts of this pristine island nation are on brilliant display.



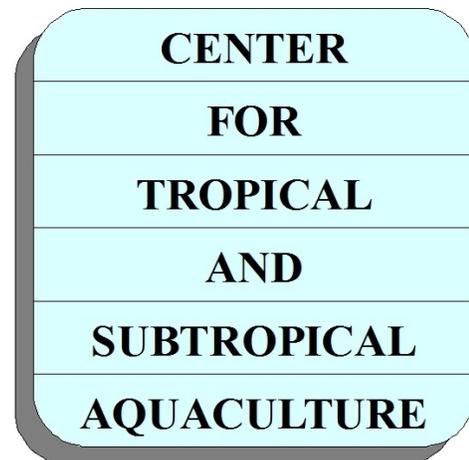
The local market price for this 4+ pound mangrove crab, harvested from Nabeyama Aquaculture Farm, is roughly \$80 USD

Palau is unique among the Pacific Islands. Whereas most other islands in the CTSA region have some reliance on commercial fishing activities for economic security, Palau has recently banned commercial fishing in their EEZ due to environmental concerns related primarily to overharvesting and climate change. The country is now embracing aquaculture as a means to supplement subsistence fishing to help achieve its goals for national food security and a sustainable economy. Everyone we spoke with during our trip had positive feedback on farming locally important species, such as mangrove crabs, rabbitfish and mullet, for both market consumption and wildlife restoration efforts. Though the industry is in its early stages, our team sees Palau as a model and champion for sustainable aquaculture development in our region...[Read More](#)

CTSA FY17 Development Cycle

CTSA is preparing to begin the FY17 development cycle. We are scheduled to release the 'FY17 Request for Pre-Proposals' early next week through our website, www.ctsa.org. We will include an announcement in next month's e-Notes, but encourage you to visit our site next week to maximize your pre-proposal preparation time. Pre-Proposals will be due to CTSA on June 6.

CTSA's mission is to support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and extension education in order to enhance viable and profitable aquaculture in the United States. The FY17 Request will list the top priority areas and species as identified by industry stakeholders in Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. Our main focus is on funding projects that will have immediate, positive impacts on the regional aquaculture industry.



Upcoming Hawaii DOA Hearings on Nile Tilapia

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture will hold public hearings on four islands next week to receive testimony on proposed amendments to move Nile tilapia from List A to List B. The DOA has released a request for support at the upcoming hearings.



Nile tilapia is a fast-growing species of all the tilapia. It grows twice as fast as other tilapia and is used by 90% of the fish farmers worldwide. Currently Nile tilapia is on Restricted List A in Hawaii, which is for research. The DOA and local aquaculture industry have worked on moving it to Restricted List B to allow for commercial production for a long time.

Letters of support may be submitted to Jonathan.K.Ho@hawaii.gov with "Testimony" in the subject line. Attendance is also encouraged at the hearings, which are scheduled for the following dates and times...[Read More](#)

11th Asia Pacific Marine Biotechnology Conference in Honolulu

The 11th Asia Pacific Marine Biotechnology Conference (APMBC 2017) has lined up six plenary speakers for its meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 21-24, 2017. The meetings will be held at the Hawaii IMIN International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall on the campus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



The Asia-Pacific Marine Biotechnology Conference (APMBC) was organized as a forum for the Asia Pacific Society of Marine Biotechnology (APSMB). Its basic purpose has been to provide a meeting place for the exchange of information, ideas, and technologies in marine biotechnology.

[Click here to learn more and register](#)

Register Now for National Aquaculture Extension Conference, Deadline for Abstracts Extended to May 1

Registration is still open for the National Aquaculture Extension Conference, June 5-9, 2017 in Boise ID. The abstract submission deadline for this conference has been extended to May 1, 2017 - you need to register for the conference to submit an abstract.

Held approximately every five years since 1992, this unique conference provides a forum for all levels of experience in aquaculture extension education. The conference is relevant to not just extension professionals but may also be of value to other industry stakeholders...[Read More](#)

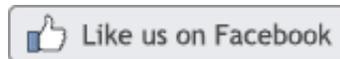
AquaClip: Video - Perspectives on Marine Aquaculture in California and the United States

Perspectives on Marine Aquaculture in California and the U.S. is a short film produced by the Aquarium of the Pacific and its Seafood for the Future program that features prominent scientists and experts on the topic of marine aquaculture in California and the U.S. In this film the experts discuss marine aquaculture's role in the global food supply and as a conservation tool, the state of domestic marine aquaculture, and the future of marine aquaculture in the U.S. and California.

Experts featured are: Steven D. Gaines, PhD (Bren School of Environmental Science and Management); Peter Kareiva (UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability); Don Kent, PhD (Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute); Sam King (King's Seafood Company); Paul Olin, PhD (California Sea Grant, Scripps Institution of Oceanography); Michael B. Rust, PhD (NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture); and Christy Walton (Cuna Del Mar).

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