

Giant clams

SEAFDEC/AQD is collaborating with the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines (UP MSI) in the restocking of giant clams *Tridacna* spp. UP MSI is distributing hatchery-produced giant clam juveniles to various parts of the Philippines in efforts to save and enhance the stocks of this endangered species. SEAFDEC/AQD received *Tridacna gigas* juveniles from UP MSI in October 2001 and these were reared in tank and ocean nurseries and then restocked in coral reefs in SEAFDEC/AQD's Igang Marine Substation in Guimaras Island. Restocked giant clams are growing well and the remaining giant clams in cages will be restocked in other protected areas such as Sagay Marine Reserve in Negros Occidental.

Seahorse

Commanding a good price either in live form for the aquarium trade or in dried form for traditional Chinese medicine, seahorse collecting in the Philippines and other parts of Southeast Asia is a good supplemental livelihood activity. However, because uncontrolled fishing will deplete natural stocks, seed production and stock enhancement techniques should be developed, coupled with other conservation measures.

Seahorse research at SEAFDEC/AQD started in 1996. Seahorse juveniles have been produced so that SEAFDEC/AQD now has at least second-generation, hatchery-bred animals in captivity. Sites are now being assessed where seahorse juveniles may eventually be stocked.



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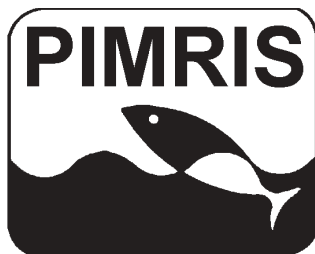
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