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AQUACULTURE

Newsletter – January 2020

Happy new year. We hope 2020 will be a great year for you all.

Our farmers have all been doing well with the hot weather. The growth rates have all picked up as the fish are very active and feeding. For those of you farming with the APU we would love to share your stories and pictures with other farmers. Please post these on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/AgriAquaAfrica/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel&eid=ARBAyTSY7xzwVd ez7ogMbshIDFhn656dbGAGXvq7bAZoR1oIBwqfHzOK-TLomVDklCek0iNL_j3hPqDf

Below are pictures from a relatively new operation and test site for the development of a breeding center and later commercial farming operation. The project was first conceived a few years ago and the foundation has been laid for developing the skills and knowledge for fingerling production and grow out.



Training updates

2 – 5 December training with a delegate from Zimbabwe

9 – 12 December – the delegates were from, Angola x2, Pretoria x1, Musina x2, Bronkhorstspuit x2, Mpumalanga x1,

We wish them the best of luck with their projects in their community.



David Fincham Aquaculture Training Dates 2020			
Month	Date Start		Date Finish
January	20	to	23
February	24	to	27
March	23	to	26
May	25	to	28
June	22	to	26
July	27	to	30
August	24	to	27
September	28	to	01-Oct
October	26	to	29
November	30	to	03-Dec
All training fees to be paid in advance.			

VAT

David Fincham Aquaculture is VAT registered and Vat will be charged on all our invoices going forward.

Stock

The summer has been a great one and fingerling production has been good. Much of our stock is committed to our existing farmers and client base already. Those looking for stock are reminded that permits must be in place and that we require 10 working days' notice to arrange orders and prepare fish for collection/delivery.

We do hold stocks of the following:

Black/Silver NMT (Natural Male Tilapia) O.niloticus – Breed from Til-Aqua parent stock

Red NMT (Natural Male Tilapia) O.niloticus – Breed from Til-Aqua parent stock

Red O.mossambicus stock Ex Rivendell Hatchery parent stock

Tilapia coptodon available by arrangement

Catfish Fingerlings available by arrangement

O.niloticus fingerling from GIFT Parent Stock available by arrangement

All orders are only placed and arranged once full payment has been received. Any stock not collected on the day arranged will be released and further costs will be incurred on re-capture and holding of these fish.

Please request quotes and send permits to davidfincham@mweb.co.za

All permit requirements, forms and processes are available on The DEAF Website.

https://www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/forms/permitapplication_restrictedactivities_alienandlistedinvasivespecies.pdf

<https://www.environment.gov.za/>

Equipment

DFA has a range of secondhand, filters, tanks and bits and bobs from years of collecting and research and development. Should you be interested in digging around in the yard and making an offer on any of this equipment please let me know. There is too much to photograph and catalogue unfortunately.

Industry and Food for Thought

The importance of food, nutrition and health cannot be over emphasized. Jamie Oliver tells it as it is with this hard hitting TED talk. Jamie's passion for food and for improving childhood nutrition as well as the fun presentation and simplicity of his recipes makes being in the kitchen a joy.

https://www.ted.com/talks/jamie_oliver_teach_every_child_about_food

Farming is more than food it is a business. Understanding the role of markets and running a food business is well presented here.

https://www.foodformzansi.co.za/video-dont-underestimate-the-business-part-of-agri-business/?fbclid=IwAR19UUV5rjEall-kpwG7t9kJrZnmoJrjGZTOnWEeREhR2Bv_7ukUepDcCbs

To all WAS African Chapter members and partners

Dear Colleagues

The holidays have just ended for most of you and I would like to welcome you all to a new decade and a new year 2020!

As many of you are aware, the past year, 2019 has been a remarkable year for the African Chapter of WAS. The year marked the end of the "establishment phase", where most of the Chapter's foundational structures were successfully setup. I owe the gratitude to many of you, our members, partners and stakeholders, but most importantly my colleagues in the Board of Directors – for driving Chapter business forward.

So much happened during the year 2019 to ensure the African Chapter has a firm foundation to start with. We elected the first Board of Directors and held our first Annual Board of Directors Meeting in South Africa where strategic decisions for the Chapter's way forward were made. The Secretariat is now fully functional and based in South Africa. We have roped in several partner organizations to walk with us on the journey ahead. Our membership continues to grow modestly and we expect exponential growth in the coming months as many are expected to register for the recently announced *1st WAS Aquaculture Africa Conference* scheduled for November 2020 in Alexandria, Egypt.

Looking ahead in 2020 we would now like to hit the ground running. My utmost desire is to begin some tailored technical programme activities of relevance to influence aquaculture development in the continent, in line to WAS's mandate and long-term strategic plan. This is what many of you, our members have called for. Our Regional Directors (five regions of Africa) have thus begun building up networks within their constituencies and will undertake some consultative mechanisms with members and partners to come up with implementable projects and possibly design a package or cocktail of benefits for our members and aquaculture actors at large within those respective regions. This will affirm the Chapter's overarching goal, to meaningfully contribute to

sustainable aquaculture development in Africa. We will adopt the *Start-Small-but-Dream-Big-Concept!*

Much of these efforts will be regularly published in a soon to be launched periodical e-*Newsletter*, which will be linked to the Aquaculture Africa Magazine (to be revitalized soon). The WAS AC webpage will also be revamped and social media platforms enhanced to try to connect with many of you.

Our biggest job this year will be to host the 1st Aquaculture Africa Conference (AFRAQ2020) scheduled for November 28th to December 2nd, 2020 at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria City, Egypt. Preparations are at advanced stage. I guess many of you have already received this special announcement and the event brochure. More press releases will be send to you in due course. Otherwise keep checking the Conference webpage for more updates: <https://www.was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ20> . Make sure you register early. Exhibition space is open and we encourage as many African aquaculture entities to exhibit their products and services here. We are also busy looking for various sponsors and partners for this prestigious event. Please spread the message to aquaculture actors within your networks. AFRAQs are expected to run every year with AFRAQ21 expected in Zambia at some point in year 2021.

We will continue to build strategic partnerships and alliances with various organizations responsible for aquaculture development in Africa. In this regard, we are hopeful of signing a strategic MoU with the Africa Union Development Agency (formerly NEPAD) for the hosting of the Chapter's Secretariat at its Head Office in South Africa this year. An MoU with FAO is in formulation. But most importantly, we would like many of you, African aquaculture players to be part of the process to sustain the Chapter by not only renewing your membership but also participating in many of the Chapter's activities be it seminars, webinars, training programmes etc on knowledge building and information exchange on aquaculture. Some of you may be invited to be in some adhoc committees to address certain pressing issues on African aquaculture or general Chapter organizational issues. Whenever there is a global call for elections or membership opinions etc, we urge each one of you to take part.

Many of our accomplishments so far would not have been possible without the support of our parent organization - WAS, the various partners (including financial commitments from the government of South Africa (2018/19), AllerAqua, AUDA-NEPAD and others); and dedicated Board members and staff. We are very much indebted to AllerAqua, who are our Founding Gold Sponsor (and also AFRAQ2020 Gold Sponsor).

On behalf of WAS African Chapter, I wish you all and your families a blessed, productive and prosperous 2020. Lets keep the momentum high and make WAS AC great this year!

With compliments of the New Season!

Dr. Sherif Sadek

President (WAS African Chapter)

- For those wishing to join or renew membership with WAS, please visit www.was.org
- For information on Aquaculture Africa 2020 Conference (AFRAQ2020) <https://www.was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ20>
- For any enquiries please contact africanchapter@was.org

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Alexandria Egypt, Nov. 28-Dec.1

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Please contact us if you need any assistance with your fish farming projects, purchase of Aquaculture Production Units or fingerlings, participate in a training course, or if you would like to visit the farm in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg.

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- <https://www.facebook.com/TilapiaFarmingcom>

The DFA Team - January 2020

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