

KVK Hailakandi Observed Field Day on Introduction of Balanced Diet (Sushma) for Carps Rearing

Fishery is an important enterprise in the district as most of the people are non vegetarian and fish is treated as an essential supplement to their staple food. Fishery form one of the livelihood activities of the farming community of Hailakandi district. Production of fish generally takes place in natural water bodies like beels, hoars, rivers, canals etc. as well as artificial water bodies like ponds, tanks etc. There is total number of 7761 ha of water area. The available sources are ponds and tanks with 3195 ha (41.67%), beel areas with 922 ha (11.88%), natural river area 1589 ha (20.48%) and other sources constitutes 2055 ha (26.48%) of the total water area of the district. Of the total fish production ponds and tanks produces approx 4410 MT, beel produces 1224 MT, rivers 545 MT and other sources 101 MT. Due to reduction of beel and other water areas by rapid urbanization and water pollution the production of fish is reducing drastically. The actual requirement of fish for the district is around 16,000 MT where as the production in 2012-13 is only 6078.18 MT. Due to lack of proper feeding management the production level is very low in almost all the fish pond. Non availability of balanced feed for the fish is also another factor which is responsible for low production.

Last year our KVK started FLD on balanced diet by using Sushma a balanced diet manufacture by Fishery Research Centre of Assam Agriculture University Jorhat. This technology was demonstrated in 5 different locations. Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim (SMS, Fishery) has described in detail about the importance of balanced feeding for carp so that a maximum production can be obtain from a unit area. Mr Rabia Robidas, farmer (benefited by the FLD on French bean) expressed his experience of adopting the technology and has narrated that in his 37 years of fish farming he has never achieve a production of more than 1500kg/ha but with the introduction of balanced diet for carp this year he has been able to produce more than 3700kg/ha within 8 months of culture. In his speech he attributed his success to the introduction of balanced diet Sushma. Before winding up his speech he urges all the farmers' presence to have proper feeding management during the culture period so that they can also achieve a maximum production and reap benefit. The program ended with the speech of Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim (SMS, Fishery) who urge all the participants to use balanced diet or feeding for carp culture so that they will be able to reap maximum production from a unit area.



