

Ag Sector Council Daybreak Seminar Transcript:

“Fishing for the Future: The Why and How of Nature’s Most Abundant Protein Source”, July 25, 2012.

USAID Agrilinks: Good morning everyone! We will be getting started shortly. In the meantime, please let us know from where you are joining.

Donaldo McPherson: I'm from Panama, but residing in Silver Spring, Maryland

USAID Agrilinks: Thanks Donaldo!

USAID Agrilinks: We will be ready to start in about 10 minutes. You can download files related to the presentation in the "File Download" box to the left of your screen.

USAID Agrilinks: Everyone, from where are you joining us?

James Tobey: I'm from Coastal Resources Center, University of Rhode Island

Malcolm Beveridge: Hi - connecting from Zambia

USAID Agrilinks: Welcome James and Malcolm! Where is everyone else joining us from?

Terry Laura: Haiti

Rachael Kozolup: JBS International, Rockville, MD

James Lindgren: USDA in DC

USAID Agrilinks: Welcome Terry, Rachael, and James!

David Tomberlin: NOAA Fisheries, Silver Spring, MD

Hilary Stevens: Coastal Resources Center at the U of Rhode Island

Rebekkah Hogan: Hello. Rebekkah Hogan from the Rockefeller Foundation in New York

Ben Friedman: Hi all. Ben Friedman from Chemonics in DC.

USAID Agrilinks: Good morning David, Hilary, Rebekkah, and Ben!

Karen Kent: Also Coastal Resources Center URI

Meghan Corneal: Hi everyone, Meghan Corneal from UMCOR in NYC

Andrew Deines: Morning. Andy Deines at University of Notre Dame

USAID Agrilinks: We will be getting started in a few minutes.

Britta Garfield: Hi all, I'm from Rare in DC

Numery Sufian: Good Morning organizers: Numery Sufian from Mercy Corps, Ethiopia

USAID Agrilinks: Welcome everyone! Glad to see we have so many people joining us from all over the world.

Lucy Magembe: Lucy Magembe The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Ashley Zung: Hello. Ashley Zung, Humanitarian Information Unit, Department of State

USAID Agrilinks: We are getting started now. Please let us know if you are not able to hear Zachary speaking.

Setsuko Hoffman: Hi, Setsuko Hoffman from USDA in Maryland

Thomas Scialfa: I can hear fine. Tom Scialfa (Westat for FTF-FEEDBACK)

Tom Schaetzel: Tom Schaetzel here from the Manoff Group.

USAID Agrilinks: Great, Tom, glad that the sound is clear.

Devin Bartley: Devin Bartley here from Rome

USAID Agrilinks: We will have time after the presentation for questions.

Mark Bent: Mark Bent - SunNight Solar - Houston

USAID Agrilinks: You can visit <http://agrilinks.kdid.org/> to access the blogs Zachary was referring to and also to view upcoming events.

Jeffrey Silverstein: Jeff Silverstein USDA-ARS in Beltsville

USAID Agrilinks: We have a full house in Washington today!

USAID Agrilinks: Feed the Future website: <http://www.feedthefuture.gov/>

USAID Agrilinks: Aquafish: <http://aquafishcrsp.oregonstate.edu/>

USAID Agrilinks: We will be taking questions after Bryan and Richard finish speaking. Please state your name and organization when asking a question.

USAID Agrilinks: Welcome to everyone who has recently joined the webinar. Bryan Gillooly from USAID is speaking.

Katrina ole-MoiYoi: Katrina ole-MoiYoi from Stanford University, good morning all

USAID Agrilinks: Good morning Katrina!

Hollie Neibert: thanks so much :) Hollie Neibert University of Minnesota

USAID Agrilinks: Welcome Hollie!

Stephanie Ichien: Stephanie Ichien from Oregon State University, good morning.

USAID Agrilinks: Good morning Stephanie! Glad that you could join us.

USAID Agrilinks: Richard Volk from USAID is currently speaking. We will take questions after his presentation.

USAID Agrilinks: A related resource: <http://agrilinks.kdid.org/library/aquaculture-fisheries-poverty-and-food-security>

USAID Agrilinks: Information on fisheries from FAO: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/topic/13261/en>

Terry Laura 2: the slide has not changed

USAID Agrilinks: Terry, do you now see "Putting it all together" slide?

Terry Laura 2: yes, now I do - thanks

USAID Agrilinks: great

USAID Agrilinks: We will be taking questions soon. Please state your name and organization when you ask your question. You can type them into the "Chat" box.

Matt Littlejohn: Hi. Will a copy of the presentation be made available?

USAID Agrilinks: Please take 2 minutes to provide valuable feedback by taking our survey at <http://bit.ly/ASCJuly25>

Mark Bent: I design and manufacture solar powered lighting and frequently I receive request for fishing lights. How can I help support without harming fish stocks?

Jeffrey Silverstein: Jeff Silverstein, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD if we need to reduce overfishing, move some people out of fishing, is aquaculture a good option? Keep people near water, working with fish?

USAID Agrilinks: Matt, yes, we will have the presentation available for download on the event website <http://agrilinks.kdid.org/events/fishing-future-why-and-how-nature%E2%80%99s-most-abundant-protein-source>

Hollie Neibert: Hollie Neibert U of MN has there been any effort to include invasive species prevention education/effort??

USAID Agrilinks: Mark, what is your organizational affiliation?

USAID Agrilinks: Please state your name and organization when asking questions.

John Thomas: John Thomas, Vestergaard Frandsen: what is balance of fresh vs. cured fish and its impact in the value chain on fishery depletion?

Web Tech: Lucy Magembe: Lucy, TNC. I am interested in knowing success stories of mechanisms for avoiding counter effects of aquaculture of e.g. clearing mangroves, pollution, pushing small fishermen out, introduced species etc.

Mark Bent: I am the CE of SunNight Solar - we design and manufacture high quality solar powered lighting. I was also State, Marine - 20 years in developing world

Mark Bent: That would be CEO

Malcolm Beveridge: Malcolm Beveridge, WorldFish. Excellent joint presentation. Great to see small-scale fisher's issues taken seriously, that aquatic foods are more than just protein and what needs to be done to ensure that those that need it most continue to have access to fish.

Numery Sufian: from Mercy Corps, Ethiopia. Nearly 80% of traded fish is sourced in developing countries and destined to EU, Japan, US and others. Why it is so do you think?

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you, Mark.

Marc Shapiro: Marc Shapiro, COP USAID's Global Climate Change M&E Project: If you could design a USAID project to better understand and learn how to address the key underlying issues involved in climate change-related impacts on fisheries & aquaculture for food security in developing countries, what would you focus on?

USAID Agrilinks: We'll try to get to as many questions as we can. For any questions that we're not able to answer now, we'll refer them to the presenters and will try to respond on Agrilinks within a few days.

Andrew Deines: Is there any chance for a follow-up webinar on aquaculture?

USAID Agrilinks: Andrew, thanks for your interest! We can definitely look into this request.

Devin Bartley: Sorry I need to leave the conference. Congratulations on the webinar. A few points for discussion follow. Very well done and FAO appreciates the use of this information. Participants will be interested in the recent State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture available on our web-site (www.fao.org and go to fisheries and aquaculture page). As the conference explained, small scale fisheries are now high on the global agenda. Please also see the recent report of our Committee on Fisheries where we are developing guidelines and perhaps another mechanism to deal with the issues of small scale fisheries. The conference concentrated on marine fisheries; however for food security inland fisheries are probably more important. Countries do not realize this and our information on the sector is very poor. We think the production could be about 4 times higher than officially reported. Here, the competition for water is extreme and lack of information makes development decisions difficult.

USAID Agrilinks: Before you go, please take a couple of minutes to take our survey at <http://bit.ly/ASCJuly25> Your feedback is very valuable to us!

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you for your comment, Devin.

Thomas Scialfa: OK. will take the survey

Devin Bartley: follow up to above: One point on protected areas: this is still controversial. If we can't manage a single fishery how can we manage something as complex as a protected area? Estimates of cost of managing and enforcing protected areas in California were underestimated by about 2 orders of magnitude. Regarding using forage fish for human feed rather than fish feed, this too is controversial and some studies have shown that people who sell these fish for feed make more money and can then buy more food than if they sold the fish for food in the first place. Also, fishers and boats would need to undergo costs and improve handling of the catch if the fish were to be destined for human consumption rather than feed. Hope there will be a record of this very useful and timely meeting and that there will be additional webinars.

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you Thomas!

USAID Agrilinks: We will be showing some polls. Please feel free to take them before you leave.

USAID Agrilinks: If you have any additional questions, please share them in the "Chat" box. If we can't get to them this morning, we will do our best to get them answered and posted on the event website.

Andrew Deines: There are many more small-scale fisheries than USAID can directly assist, how does a target a region for aid, and what's the return on that investment, i.e. the value recovered in the second example?

USAID Agrilinks: Please feel free to download the resources in the "File Download" box and also please remember to take our "Post Event Survey" in the "Links" box.

Thomas Scialfa: Thanks. I've got to sign off as I have another mtg. Tom

USAID Agrilinks: The presentation with the audio will be available through the "Agrilinks Event Page" soon.

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you all for your participation!

Ben Friedman: Thanks for event. Very interesting. Will Chat session also be available online?

Thomas Scialfa: where is log-off? or do I just close the browser window?

USAID Agrilinks: We typically do not make the chat available online but we can look into this. Thanks for the suggestion!

USAID Agrilinks: Thomas, you can just "x" out of the window.

Thomas Scialfa: OK

Ben Friedman: A lot of comments here that were interesting but I didn't have time to review as the event was happening

Kate Hughes: Nice job, thanks!

USAID Agrilinks: Thanks, Ben. We will look into posting the chat online as well.

Ben Friedman: great, thank you!

Kerry Reeves 2: Kerry Reeves, USAID/Philippines - a similar webinar focusing on aquaculture production would be very useful. Thanks!

USAID Agrilinks: Thanks for the suggestion, Kerry. We will look into this.

USAID Agrilinks: For everyone still online, please make sure to take the "Post Event Survey" located in the "Links" box to the left of your screen. Your feedback is important to us!