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Circular Letter to Member Governments

Excellency:

I have been directed by the Executive Committee of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council to advise you that the Committee has accepted the offer of the Government of Indonesia to give a restricted seminar on brackish-water pond-culture methods. I enclose herewith a statement giving the main features of the seminar. This course is intended for workers of officer standing who have an educational standard with at least basic knowledge in biological subjects and preferably with some training also in limnology and hydrology.

It is estimated that the costs of attendance at this seminar, which will be of approximately 50 days duration, would amount to between 2 and 3 thousand Indonesian Rupiahs per person, including expenses for modest accommodation, small daily expenses (tips, washing, drinks, private local transport, etc.) and excursion by plane to Surabaya.

As will be observed from the enclosed statement the course must be restricted to a group of 10 trainees and it is therefore probable that only one trainee could be accepted from each country. I have the honour to invite you to nominate a trainee of suitable qualifications to attend this course and I should be grateful if you would advise me at your earliest convenience the name of the person selected by you. Further specific information will be furnished at the earliest opportunity.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration,


G. L. Kesteven

Secretary, Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE SEMINAR ON BRACKISH WATER
FISH CULTURE AT DJAKARTA, APRIL-MAY, 1951

The purpose of the seminar is to offer to fisheries workers the opportunity to take cognizance of the scientific and practical problems connected with the culture of fish in salt- and brackish-water ponds.

A practical demonstration of the cultural activities in combination with a discussion of the scientific research work done in this direction seems to be the best way to prepare the trainees for extension work in their own countries. As Indonesia has a small but experienced staff of workers, who take care of the 80,000 ha. of salt water ponds in Java and Madura, this country has been chosen for the purposes involved. The Government of Indonesia has agreed to place personnel and premises at the disposal of the IPFC for the duration of the seminar.

The number of trainees taking part in the seminar must be restricted to 10, this being necessary because of problems in connection with the housing and transport facilities available. Lodging and travel expenses will be the concern of the individual participants.

Theoretical explanations and demonstrations will be given at the Laboratory for the Investigation of the Sea (Laboratorium Penyelidikan Laut), Pasar Ikan, Djakarta.

As a guide for the lessons Publication No. 2 of the Sub-section Inland Fisheries (W. H. Schuster "Fish culture in salt water ponds on Java") will be used.

Special attention will be paid to the following items:-

1. anatomy and physiology of the fish species in salt water ponds,
2. pedontic and planktonic algae important as food for the chanos,
3. the macro flora and fauna of the brackish water pond areas,
4. the composition of the pond water and the methods of determination of NaCl, O₂, pH, temperature and plankton.

The theoretical lessons, given by Mr. W. H. Schuster (pondculture), Dr. P. Ch. Veen (analytical work), Dr. K.F. Vaas (planktology) and Mr. F. Botke (catch of Chanos Fry) will, as much as possible, be supplemented by excursions to pond areas in the surroundings of Djakarta, Surabaya and Semarang, including special trips along the coasts in connection with the catch of Chanos fry.