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CURRENT STATUS OF AQUACULTURE IN MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

Malaysia is one of the highest fish consuming country in the world. Fish is important in the daily diet Malaysian peoples as majority depend on this type of food as the main source of animal protein. Generally, Malaysian prefer marine fish more than the freshwater fish. The reasons might be taste and availability. Many Malaysian think marine fish are delicious than freshwater fish. Another reason might be the price of the marine fish, which is lower than the freshwater fish. Malaysia is surrounded by sea therefore marine fish more easily available than freshwater fish. There is only very little natural productive area in the country for freshwater fish production. However, aquaculture sector was overlooked in any of the national development program as contrast to other agricultural products. Probably, it was believed that natural catch is still enough to meet local need. Another point is that the nation is being supported at significant