Policy Recommendations for Inclusive Aquaculture Development in Myanmar

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  - Land use
  - Finance & enabling environment
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Policy Rationale

Fish for food & nutrition security
- A cheap source of protein and micronutrients
- Declining capture fishery supply
  - Already important for regions with scarce capture supplies
- Rising income & dietary transition

Diversified and competitive sector for growth and inclusive development
- Instability of sectoral policy and dual-track development
- Interaction of land use, finance and the development of value chain
  - Structural implication: dominance of big farms
  - Growth constraints to small-holder development
Recommendations: Land use

- Continue the drive towards farmer choice for land use
- Strengthen tenure security
  - Solve competing claims to land entitlements
  - Tighten application and monitoring processes for large land concessions for aquaculture development
- Progressive land taxation and pond licensing fees
- Reforms do not necessarily mean trade-off between rice and fish production
Recommendations: Finance and enabling environment

- Reform MLFDB to provide larger volumes of credit to a wider customer base
- Consider microcredits coupled with enterprise development program to extend financial coverage to very small farms
- Encourage foreign and domestic investment in aquafeed production
- Lift all restrictions on domestic trade in and transport of fish
Recommendations: Infrastructure

- Invest rural electrification and urban power supply
- Invest in transport infrastructure particularly in remoter parts of Ayeyarwaddy Region
- Improve rural households’ access to drinking water
Recommendations: Technical and institutional interventions

- Development and dissemination of seed production technologies for new species by DOF
- Seed supply to farms in remoter areas of the country, and maintenance and supply of high quality germplasm to the private sector
- Research to overcome the technical problems preventing production of prawn seed
- Services offering timely diagnosis and treatment of fish disease
- Expansion of higher education in aquaculture and veterinary sciences through practically orientated university degrees
- Improved systems and methodologies for collection of fisheries data
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