



Report of Capacity building Fisheries training to Farmers from ASR district on “Fish Entreprises Development” organized during 29th Nov,2024 in Andhra Pradesh under SABAL program support

Nittaput Landscape

One-day skill development training program on “Fish Entreprises Development” was organized under SABAL program support at Ubalagaruvu, G Madugula, ASR district during 29th Nov 2024. WASSAN has facilitated for carp fingerlings stocking in 38 farm ponds in M Nittaputtu landscape. Fish farmers have varying levels of experience in fish farming. Need based training was conducted on fish feed preparation, water quality & pond management, developing business for the feed enterprise.

The objective of the training:

1. To enhance the overall productivity and profitability of fish farming by utilizing local ingredients for fish feed
2. Fish feed formulation, preparation & storage
3. Developing fish feed entrepreneurship

Proceedings

The training started with sharing the farm pond management practices including regular feeding, manure application, eradication of unwanted plants and monitoring the water quality parameters. In fish farming 60-70% input cost is contributed by fish feed which is the major factor for quality of fish, growth of fish & productivity. Whereas the small farmers don't have the market access or resources to buy high cost commercial feed from the market. The solution is to enable nutritionally balanced locally produced feed. The nutritional aspects & need of fish was discussed.

Fish farmers have enlisted the ingredients available in the locality to formulate the feed. Few of the fish farmers have shared their experiences of purchasing commercial feed in the past but not happy with the high cost of feed & transportation. Hence, the farmers were glad to learn about the feed formulating process and to run the nano fish feed mill.

Demonstration on method of fish feed preparation was held with the farmers. Fish feed ingredients were weighed and required amount of inputs used to prepare low cost pelleted fish feed.

The participants were given manuals (in Telugu language), posters, fish record keeping cards.

The training program ended with a vote of thanks by Mr T Naidu.

Way forward

The Coordinators & field staffs were oriented on the work plan outlining the activities. The fish farmers will be linked to the feed entrepreneur in a village. The amount of feed requirements will be calculated catering to the need of small scale fish farmers.



(Sessions during training program)