

Foreword by the Director of AKUATROP

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Since its establishment in 2004, The Institute of Tropical Aquaculture (AKUATROP) has conducted various research activities and services particularly public services. Hence, many people have heard of the Institute but have not had the privilege of firsthand information on the Institute.

This is the third annual report published by AKUATROP. This report reinforced the initial idea to promote the institute as a centre of excellence to the Malaysian public as well as to enhance its existence and reputation in the international area.

Throughout 2008, AKUATROP has tied linkages and collaboration with Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd., Kelah World Sdn. Bhd., Langkawi Underwater World Sdn. Bhd., HP Aquaculture, Jabatan Perikanan Terengganu, Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak, Lembaga Kemajuan Tanah Sarawak, Ternak Unggul Sdn. Bhd., Kumpulan Muhandis Sdn. Bhd. and other fisheries institute such as Korean National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI), National Fisheries Research and Development Centre (Busan), and Shellfish Research Centre (NAMHAE). It also has established linkages with the University of Queensland, Australia and the University of Auburn, USA, the University of Bergen, the Veterinary Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Science, Prince Songkla University and University of Can Tho, Vietnam.

AKUATROP has successfully achieved 100% of its KPI. This success is due to determination and diligences of its entire staff. AKUATROP has hosted two distinguished world-known research fellow to boost AKUATROP research and publication. They are Dr. Anil Chatterji from National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, India and Prof. Dr. Glenn A. Bristow from University of Bergen, Norway. A list of 14 international scientists and researchers has been invited throughout the year to share their expertise via technology and knowledge transfers during seminars and workshop organized by AKUATROP. A total of five seminars and workshops have been successfully conducted, together with 6 public lectures on various aspect of aquaculture research. All these were achieved through hard work and unwavering team-spirit by all the **AQUATROOPERS**.




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