

University of Hawai`i Aquaculture

**Education
Research
Training
Extension**



Ansel Adams, 1958, Molokai



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Pacific Aquaculture & Coastal Resources Center CAFNRM



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Goals of the PACRC

To encourage conservation and sustainable development in coastal communities throughout the world by:



- Building support for sustainable aquaculture development
- Supporting undergraduate and graduate education in aquaculture and fisheries
- Collaborative research and development projects
- Increasing awareness of opportunities for careers in aquaculture and fisheries
- Stimulating demand for local aquaculture products

History

- ✧ Concept originated in early 1990's
- ✧ Clean up started in 1998
- ✧ Final BOR approval 2006
- ✧ Founded as a partnership of: UHH, UH Sea Grant, Hawaii County, State, Economic Development Administration, Keaukaha Community Association and DHHL
- ✧ UHH co-founders: Kevin Hopkins and Sharon Ziegler Chong
- ✧ \$21 million invested by partners

Microalgae & Mollusk Culture Facilities



Marine Fish



Freshwater Center – Panaewa



- ✧ Laboratory
- ✧ 2 Greenhouses
- ✧ Outside tanks (5m)
- ✧ Quarantine units
- ✧ Integration w/ agriculture

Workforce Training

- ✧ 20-30 students per year, 320 total since 2007
- ✧ Wages depend largely on production (fish, oysters)
- ✧ 2-3 years of commercial scale work experience
- ✧ High hiring rate, higher level jobs



Kevin Hopkins

Professor of Aquaculture



University of Hawaii at Hilo
College of Agriculture, Forestry & Natural
Resources Management

- Current Degree Offering
 - B.S. Agriculture, specialization Aquaculture
- Proposed Future Offering (2018 or 2019)
 - B.S. Aquaculture
 - Aquaculture Minor
- Typically 15 to 20 students. Increase to 50.



Marine Agronomy

Seaweeds are a key to feeding & powering the world !

MARINE
AGRONOMY

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Environment & Natural Resources

Marine Agronomy Group, CAFNRM, UH-Hilo
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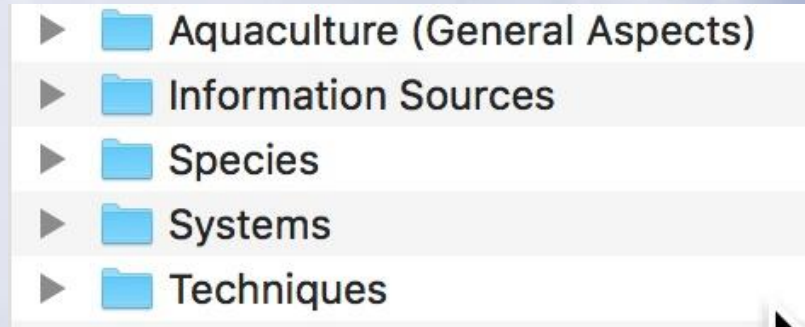


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Aquaculture Info

- ✧ A curated database of aquaculture publications
- ✧ Free access
- ✧ Both web-based and downloadable
- ✧ Over 3.5 GB already of files
- ✧ Emphasis on manuals and methods
- ✧ Available late 2018

- ✧ Organized both by function and commodity (100+ species)



- ✧ A.I. query engine under development

Armando Garcia Ortega
Associate Professor of Aquaculture



Research on aquaculture of local species of marine fish (mullet, kahala, grouper) on land-based systems

Aquatic Nutrition



Maria Haws
Associate Professor of Aquaculture
Director, PACRC



Invertebrate aquaculture
Pearl Culture
Physiology
International Development
Climate Change Adaptation



Na Kilo `Aina-Pelika Andrade



Aquaponics and food safety

Adrian Barnes



A close-up photograph of an aquaponics system. The system is a long black trough filled with water. The trough is divided into sections by white PVC pipes. In the foreground, there are several large, green leafy lettuce plants growing in the trough. The trough is supported by a concrete floor. In the background, there are more troughs and blue storage bins.

Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei (MERIP)



University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program



Darren Lerner
Director



Darren Okimoto
Extension Leader

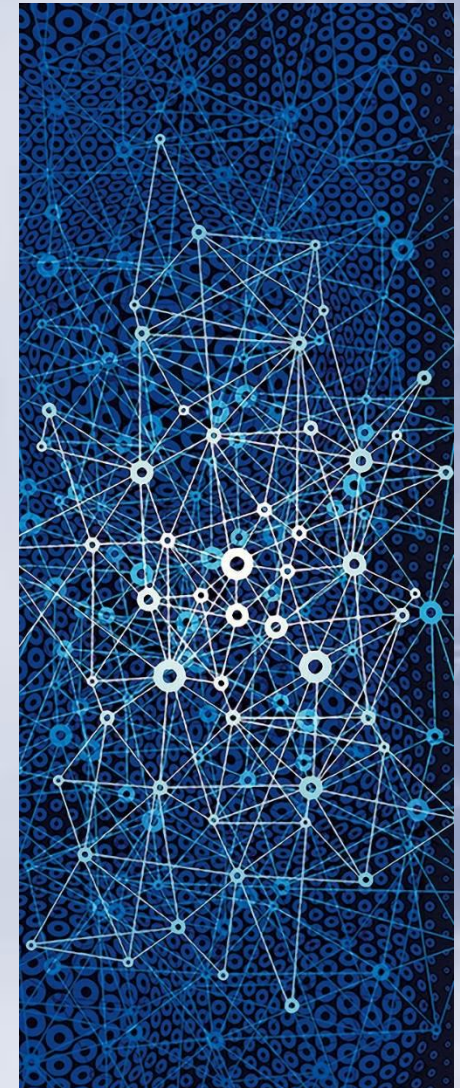
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Program Management & Organization

Centers of Excellence

- Provides higher level organization and integration of research, extension and education activities
- Promotes multi-, trans- and inter-disciplinary research
- Utilizes university expertise & scholarship
- Connects researchers with extension and community stakeholders
- Integrates local and regional needs with national focus areas



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Sustainable Aquaculture and Coastal Resources



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College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources CTAHR



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Assistant Research Professor
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Establish recirculating aquaculture facility for research, education and extension

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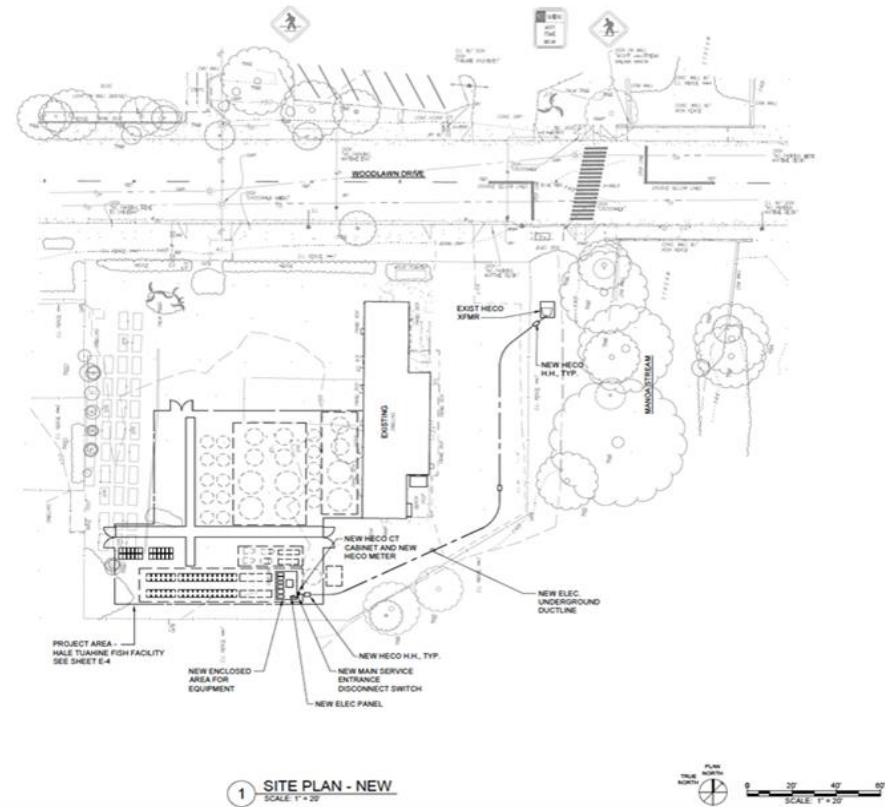
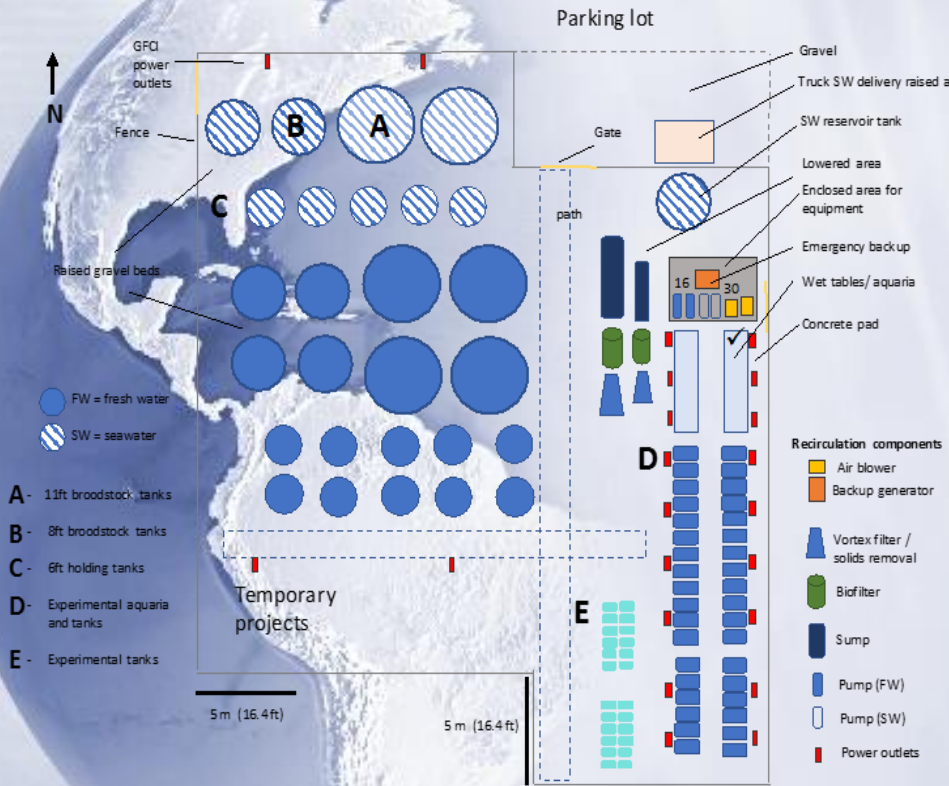


Diagram representing the original conceptual plan for the Tuahine Aquaculture Research and Education Center (TAREC)

Architectural rendering on the original conceptual plan for TAREC



Prolactin (PRL) cells from the pituitary of tilapia provide an excellent model to study how organisms acclimate to different salinities

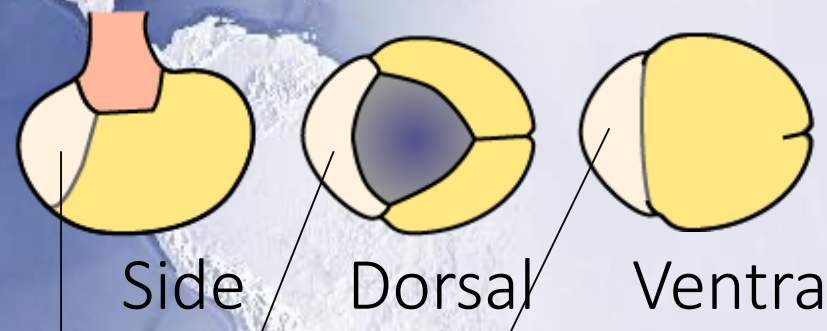
Laboratory of Fish Endocrinology - Seale - HNFAS

Pituitary



Mozambique tilapia

Seale et al. (2013) Gen. Comp. Endocrinol.



Side

Dorsal

Ventra

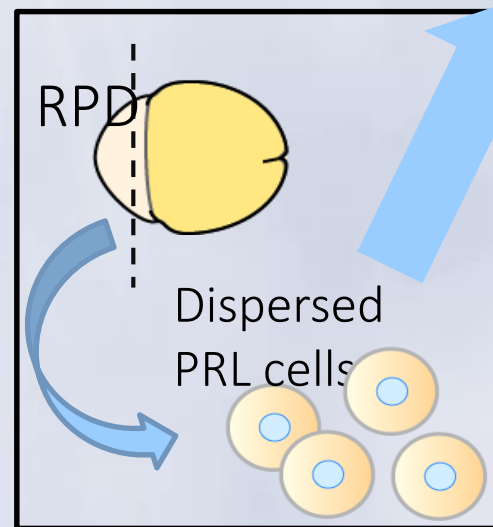
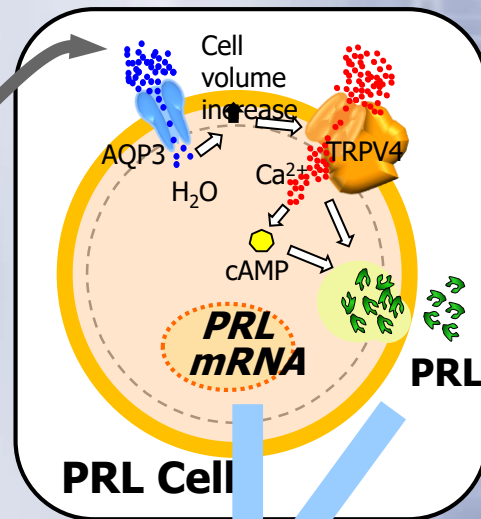
Rostral Pars Distalis (RPD)

Rostral part of anterior pituitary.
Unlike RPD in other species, in tilapia > 99% of RPD cells are prolactin cells.



Suitable for *in vitro* experiments

Osmotic stimulus



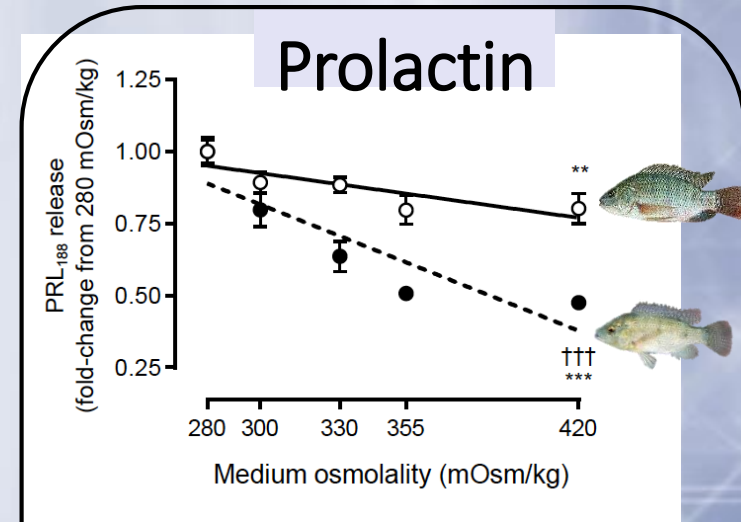
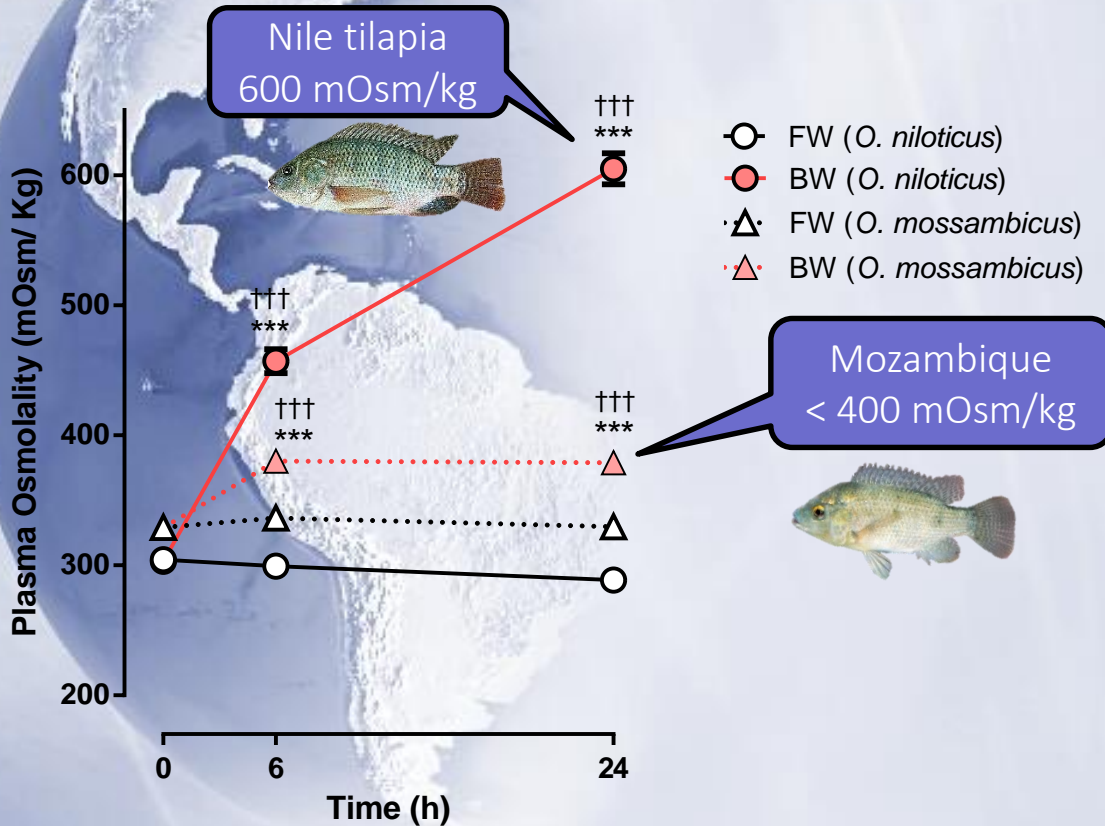
- Gene expression
- Hormone release



Ongoing Research

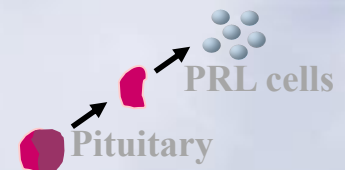
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- Hormonal basis for the distinct salinity tolerance between Nile and Mozambique tilapias**



- Prolactin cells of Nile tilapia are less sensitive to osmotic changes.

In vitro



PingSung Leung

Aquaculture Economics



Animal Nutrition Lab - UH Manoa

(<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/rjha>)

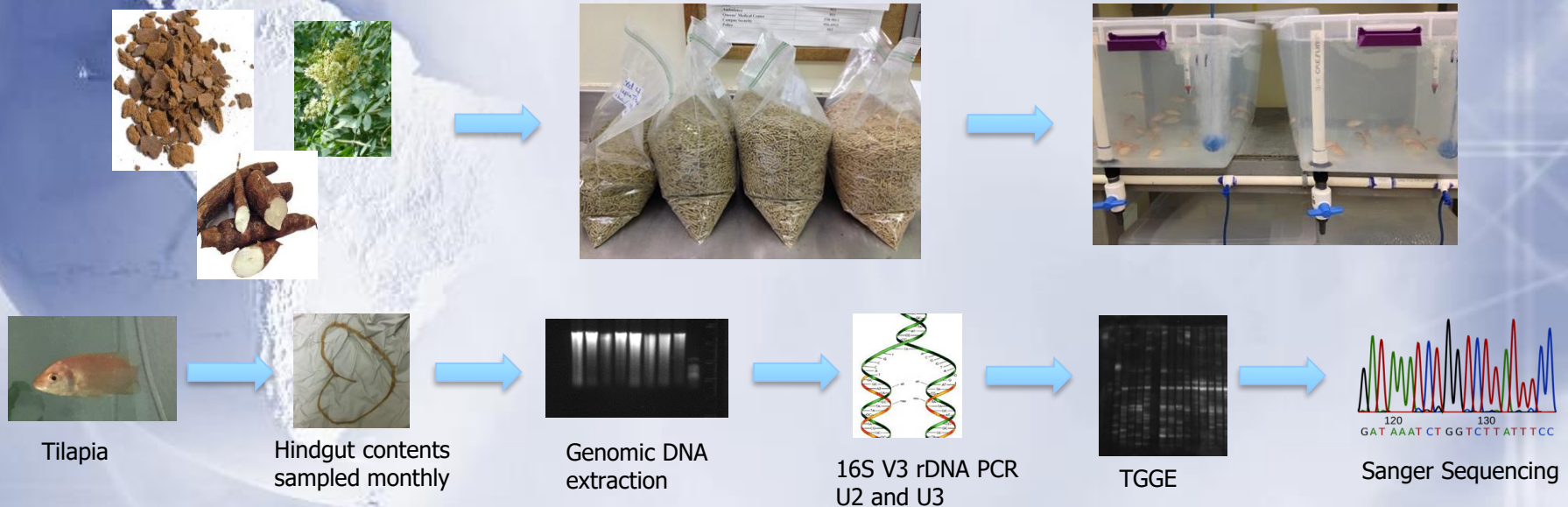


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- Evaluation of **Novel feed ingredients** and **feed additives** (Enzymes, Prebiotics and Probiotics) for their effects on growth performance and gut physiology and health of fish

Aimed for nutrition programing for **cost effective**, **sustainable** and **healthy fish** production



Series of works on this theme...

Ruth Ellen Klinger-Bowen Aquatic Diseases and Pathology



University of Hawai`i Maui College



Susan Miller



Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA)

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Letter from the Director

Aloha,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of CTSA's FY12 plan of work development. In July, our Industry Advisory Council (IAC) and Technical Committee (TC) convened in their annual joint meeting to discuss the 25 Pre-Proposals CTSA received as part of our Call for Pre-Proposals. After careful consideration, the IAC selected seven Pre-Proposals to move to the next phase, and full proposals for those projects will be received early next month.

As with every year, the process of our annual plan development was competitive. CTSA's funding selections are dictated by the IAC, and it has been our experience that the proposals that are most often successful are those that will have the most immediate impact to regional and local aquaculture operations. We were happy to see the many innovative research suggestions in this year's Pre-Proposals, and we urge those researchers who were unsuccessful to try again next year.

In this month's issue, we present an update on the CTSA-sponsored Opihi project, which is aiming to introduce this valuable species into aquaculture. We also bid alohas to outgoing CTSA Board member Dr. Sylvia Yuen and incoming member Dr. Maria Gallo, CTAHR's newly-appointed dean.

Mahalo,

Cheng-Sheng Lee
Executive Director, CTSA

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Development of Aquaculture Technology for Ophi

Nhan T. Hua and Harry Ako
Department of Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering, Univ. of Hawaii

Developing aquaculture technology is essential for managing fisheries and sustaining aquaculture for ophi in the future. Ophi have been eaten as a delicacy in Hawaii for centuries. According to Iacchei, the major annual commercial catch decreased significantly from 68,000 kg in the 1900s to about 4,500 kg in 1978. The scarcity has driven prices up and it is reported (by NOAA and DAR) as being the fifth most expensive seafood harvested in Hawaiian waters, at \$6.80 per pound wholesale. To overcome these problems, the aim of this study was to develop aquaculture for giant Hawaiian ophi *Cellana talcosa* and later for yellow foot, *Cellana sandwicensis*. It was also included due to the danger of collecting the giant ophi in



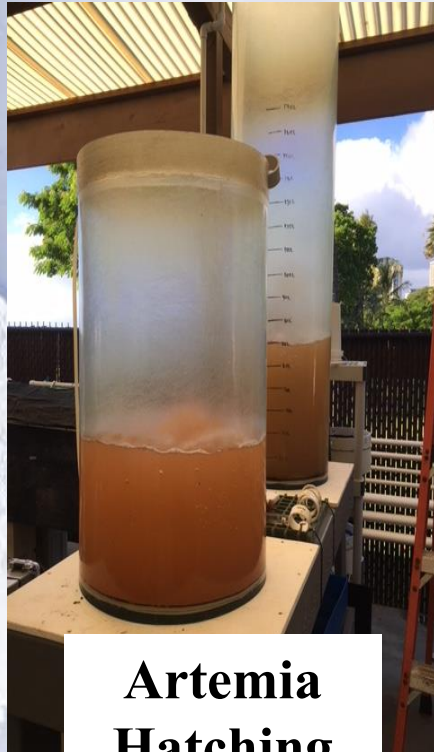
Three common species of ophi

Co-administered by UH and HPU/OI

Waikiki Aquarium- Live Feeds Culture Deck



**Micro-
Algae /
Copepod
Cultures**



**Artemia
Hatching**

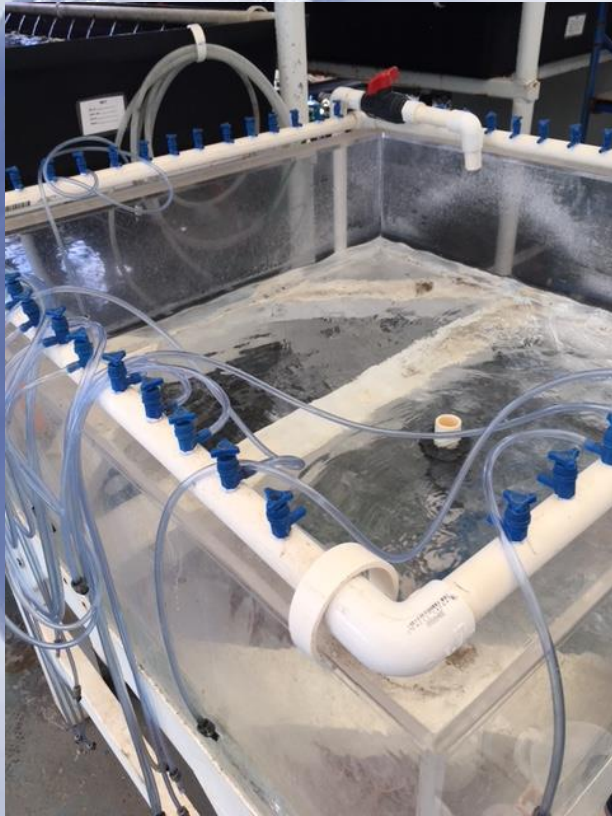


**Mysid
Cultivation**



**Rotifer
Production**

Waikiki Aquarium- Live Feeds Culture Deck



Live Feeds are prepared daily each morning and set into the “Drive-thru” (water bath), where aquarium biologists pick up their feeds for the day. We supply the food needs for:

Jellyfish cultures

Syngnathid breeding- *H. abdominalis*, *H. whitei*, etc.

First feeds/ live feeds for small animals or for weening onto frozen feeds for our wild caught animals

Feeds for filter feeds deep sea gorgonians, etc.

Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB)



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