



Side Event 2

Title: Aquaculture Industry Dialogue

Organizers: Thai Department of Fisheries in collaboration with the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs and FAO

Time and Venue: 1800 – 2030 - 22nd September – Ballroom 2

Aquaculture now represents nearly 50 percent of the global aquatic food. The demand is growing and the sector is responding positively by continuous increase in production, globally. Also, the environmental performance of the aquaculture sector continues to improve as a result of a combination of appropriate legislation and governance, technological innovations, risk reductions and better management practices (BMPs). In many countries, sea-farming activities expanded as did promotion of multi-trophic aquaculture causing reduced environmental impact. While production is in the increase, all involved including farmers, processors, traders and consumers are facing challenges in bringing a safe and quality product to market at an affordable price, while maintaining aquaculture as a viable business. Discussions will focus on experiences and lessons learnt from around the world on addressing these challenges.