

NACA/USAID THEMATIC STUDIES ON GENDER IN AQUACULTURE
IN CAMBODIA, LAO PDR, THAILAND AND VIETNAM

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The Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) is currently conducting the project “Thematic Studies on Gender in Aquaculture in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam”. This is a component of the USAID-funded MARKET (Maximizing Agricultural Revenue through Knowledge, Enterprise Development, and Trade) project, which is aimed to strengthen the ASEAN institutional platform for improving regional food security. Aquaculture has been identified to be important to food security, and mainstreaming gender into MARKET’s activities in aquaculture value chains is crucial to inform policies and decisions which will be gender sensitive and balanced so the vulnerable members of the value chains are not marginalized and neglected.

The objective of this special session on NACA/USAID MARKET at GAF5 is to share and generate gender knowledge through presenting the draft findings from the in-country gender assessments. The session will invite feedback and new ideas, discuss how to encourage other countries to conduct similar activities, and to learn about new developments and opportunities in the field of gender in aquaculture.

The gender assessments contain the current status of gender policies, programs and participation in aquaculture value chains in countries in Indochina. Representatives from the country teams, namely Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam will also present the gender focused case studies on selected aquaculture value chains, such as the inland small scale aquaculture value chain in Cambodia, small-scale marine shrimp and tilapia cage culture in Thailand, and the small-scale shrimp/rice rotation and tilapia culture in Vietnam. It is aimed that these case studies could present good practices on gender integration and be used as materials for outreach and training.