

**1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE  
AQUACULTURE**

**August 30-31, 2006**

**Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines**

**Resolution No. 01, Series of 2006**

**A RESOLUTION MANIFESTING THE  
AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF RESPONSIBLE  
AQUACULTURE PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE  
GROWTH AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, population growth and an increasingly health conscious society is driving seafood consumption worldwide,

**WHEREAS**, much of the world seas and oceans are already overfished resulting to the loss of livelihood and increased poverty incidence in many fishing communities, especially in developing countries like the Philippines,

**WHEREAS**, declining supply of fish from capture fisheries has brought about an unprecedented growth of the aquaculture industry particularly in developing countries which now account for 70% of the US\$60 billion plus seafood exports business,

**WHEREAS**, national governments of developing countries are now promoting aquaculture growth and

development for food security, foreign exchange, jobs generation, and livelihood development,

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines with its vast water resources suitable for aquatic farming, year round tropical climate, and ideal geographic location for export, has the potential to become a major global player in aquaculture,

**WHEREAS**, current efforts by the Philippine aquaculture industry and government support agencies to promote rapid growth and expansion has brought about serious problems and concerns on cost-efficiency, environmental sustainability, food safety, and social equity, all of which negatively affects the industry's long-term sustainability and export market access,

**WHEREAS**, there is the need for the Philippines to adopt internationally recognized standards for Best Aquaculture Practices as already being practiced by many leading nations in aquaculture, for the country's aquaculture and seafood industries to be sustainable and internationally competitive,

**WHEREAS**, current and past efforts by various government agencies and private organizations to develop and promote Best Aquaculture Practices has largely failed due to the lack of experience and expertise in the field,

**NOW RESOLVE**, as it is hereby resolved, that the aquaculture sub-sector and its affiliated industries, manifest its deep commitment and wholehearted support for the

creation of an industry-led coalition of private sector, academe, government, NGOs, and POs that will undertake the development of Best Aquaculture Practices, and a certification and auditing system, that addresses the specific needs of the various commodities based on international industry standards.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the organizers of this conference be given a lead role to identify and organize members of the industry-led coalition

**RESOLVED FINALLY** that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all Government agencies concerned.

**ADOPTED** this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of August 2006 during the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Sustainable Aquaculture, Quezon City, Philippines.

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