

COMMERCIAL CULTURE OF *OREOCHROMIS SPILURUS* IN OPEN SEAWATER CAGES AND ONSHORE TANKS

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Abstract

Trials were conducted to establish commercial-scale production of all stages of *Oreochromis spilurus*. Fry were produced in a tank using recycled fresh water. Fingerlings were grown in full strength sea water either in cages in the open sea or in onshore tanks filled with water from the sea. Very promising results were obtained in terms of fish growth, survival and product quality, opening up significant new opportunities for the expansion of tilapia culture in tropical and sub-tropical seas.

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