

Best Exotic Major Carp Farmer (Fisheries) : Shri. K. Talitsungba, Longjemdang.

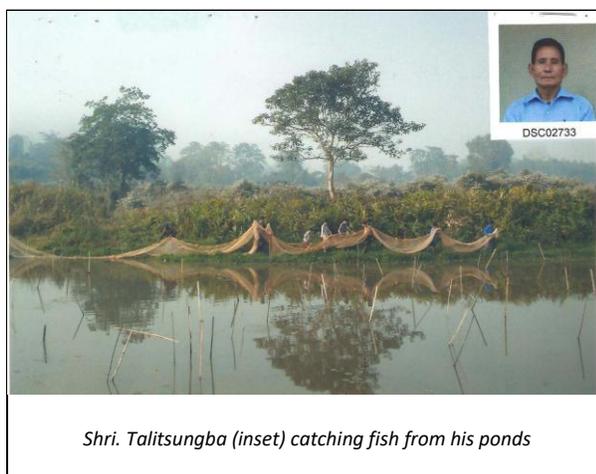
Background:

Shri. K. Talitsungba, the third son of Mr & Mrs Koridangchetba was born on 25th April, 1936 at Longjemdang village under Mangkolemba block in Mokokchung district. After his primary education in his native village, he pursued further education at Alongtaki ME School, Christain Mission School Impur, Govt. High School Mokokchung and studied upto PU (Arts) at FAC Mokokchung. He served in the Chang Thangyen ME School as teacher from 1961 to 1963 and as a teacher at Govt. High School Mokokchung from 1968-1970. In the year 1968, he led a school team from the Govt. High School Mokokchung representing Nagaland State in the Subroto Mukerjee Football trophy and bagged runners up. Later, he was posted in the Govt. High School Mangkolemba and rendered his services as teacher upto 1972. He opted for social service & elected as Area Council Member (ACM) from Japukong range and later elected as Regional Council Chairman of Mokokchung district in the year 1975.

A progressive fishery farmer:

Shri. K. Talitsungba gave up services and took keen interest in fishery farming. For want of technical knowledge about fishery farming, he attended various training courses in Breeding,

Hatcheries, Management etc within and outside the state under the sponsorship of Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Nagaland. Then he initially started construction of inland fishery pond at Ilang Project in the year 1991 which was gradually increased to seven ponds covering an area of 1 hectare in 2009. He stated that besides training facilities, the Department of Fisheries has also provided various aids from time to time in the form of cash, kinds and technical knowledge through field visits. He also stated that inspite of remoteness of the location, the Director and



Shri. Talitsungba (inset) catching fish from his ponds

the DFO, Mokokchung has personally visited his fishery farm and provided corrective measures due to which he could further improve his farm. He expressed his gratefulness to the Department of Fisheries for all kinds of help and encouragement extended to him. From a mere farmer, he has now become a fish farmer with an annual production of 1,500 kgs of EMC. His products are sold at Mangkolemba Town and nearby villages and realises a gross income of Rs. 150,000/- He utilises about Rs. 50,000/- in farm maintenance and gets a net income of Rs. 1,00,000/- annually for his family.

What he wants to tell to fellow farmers & unemployed persons:

If fishery farming is taken up with proper technical knowledge it is very remunerative and unemployment problem can be solved. For fellow fishery farmers who are just mere owner of ponds without income, management trainings is required to equip with the latest technology so as to become an owner of a productive pond.