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Editorial:

Welcome to the third issue of SANBio Fish Node Newsletter. This is a monthly newsletter containing news items on the Fish Node.

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NRCM extend support to Dowa fish project for improved fish production

On 9th April, 2009 NRCM (National Research Council of Malawi) approved and funded an extension of the on-farm experiment on improving fish production from small scale earth ponds in Malawi: "On farm economic and technical (feasibility) analysis of the use of clear plastic pond sheeting for enhanced growth and productivity of *Oreochromis shiranus* in earthen ponds".



Partially covered pond treatment at VH Matchayasimbi in Dowa.



Uncovered pond treatment (Control) at Mrs. Flora Mwase's farm.



Oreochromis shiranus sampled 32 days after stocking.

The funding of MK900,000 (~\$6428) will take the experiment into cold season for comparative purposes. This on farm experiment stems out of an on station study which showed that clear plastic sheeting increased fish production

by more than 100%. As such, it is expected that the experiment will show whether the on station result do apply on the farm, including its technical and economic feasibility. The investigators in this study include Pro.

Emmanuel Kaunda (Principal Investigator, Mrs Y. Tembo (Statistician and/or coordinator), Mr A. Mtethiwa (Water Quality) and Mr E. Nyali (Water quality).

SANBio to hold its 5th Steering Committee Meeting

SANBio is to hold its 5th steering committee meeting on 7-8 May 2009 in Pretoria South Africa where project leaders of various pro-

jects will present project plans and anteceded outcomes of their projects. The Technical Coordinator of the Fish Node

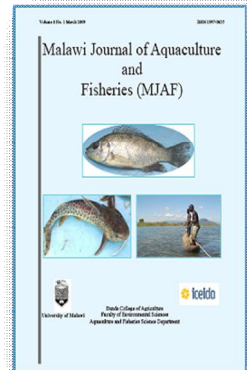
Project, Prof. Emmanuel Kaunda is expected to attend and present project plans for the SANBio project on Fish Biodiversity.

The First Issue of The Malawi Journal of Aquaculture and Fisheries Science (MJAF) has Finally been Published!

The first issue of the Malawi MJAF has finally been published with funding of Icelandic International Development Program (ICEIDA). MJAF is a biennial journal of the Aquaculture and Fisheries Science Department in the Faculty of En-

vironmental Sciences at Bunda College of Agriculture, University of Malawi. It is devoted to the study of Aquaculture and Fisheries in its broadest scope in the SADC, Africa and beyond. MJAF

replaces a previous serial of Aqua-Fish Technical Report. Currently there are no page charges. Publication of MJAF is one of activities stipulated in the departments strategic plans.



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SANBio Technical Coordinator Promoted to Full Professorial grade



Prof E.K.W. Kaunda

In February 2009, the SANBio Technical Coordinator was promoted to the rank of full professor in Fisheries Science.

Congratulations Prof. E.K.W. Kaunda!!

Msekiwa Matsimbe
(SANBio Program Assistant)

DeLPHE Holds an Education Partnership Workshop Program

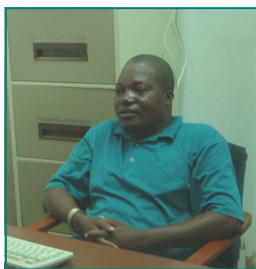
The workshop program was held from 3-5th February, 2009 at the polytechnic of Malawi. The aims of the workshop were:

- To introduce industry participants to DeLPHE and to celebrate and share achievements, share achievements of current projects in Malawi.

- To introduction the concept of knowledge transfer between industry and academia through educa-

tion partnership in Africa (EPA) scheme. These objectives were achieved through various presentations which include; DeLPHE and EPA background and introduction, Curriculum Reform Project (Chancellor College and Stratchlyde University), poster presentations by all DeLPHE projects and ProfitNET project.

ORBITUARY



Late Mr. Andrew Malukula

SANBio Fish Node regrets the death of Mr. A. Malukula who was a technician at the Aquaculture and fisheries department and also a technical

advisor of the SANBio on farm experiment in Dowa district. Mr Malukula passed away on 22nd April 2009 at Mlare hospital in Lilongwe.



Late Mr Malukula supervising pond construction in Dowa district