

## 7. INFORMATION SOURCES

The following lists detail technical information on Indian aquaculture, relevant technical literature, Web sites and trade show sources. These are complemented by a contact list of Indian public entities and leading companies in the industry. Key documents, currently available from the South Asia division, DFAIT (tel: 613-996-5903), are the proceedings of the Indaqua 95 Conference and the MPEDA Directory of Aquaculture. Primary contacts in the country are the Central Government's Fisheries Development Commissioner, and Dr. M. Sakthivel at the Aquaculture Foundation of India. The latter group, set up by the industry, can provide detailed profiles of producing companies (as shown below), and help open doors to the Indian aquaculture industry.

<b>Representative models of big and small shrimp farmers and their requirements.</b>		
Name of the Company	Visakha Aqua Farms (P) Ltd.	NCC Blue Water Products Ltd.
Area Under Culture	80 Hectares	100 Hectares
Species Under Culture	P. monodon	P. monodon
Investment Made	15 crore rupees (CDN \$ 6 million)	15-18 crore rupees (CND \$ 6-7 million)
Major components of the project	Hatchery, pier, main feeder canal, siphon & farm	Hatching, grow-out farm, processing plant with cold storage & ice plant
Date of commencement	26th August 1995 (1st culture)	March 1993
Number of crops taken	One	Four
Average Production/Hectare	2.5 tonnes	5 tonnes
Problems faced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-availability of financial assistance from Banks to complete/diversify the project.</li> <li>• Water draining problem due to low lying area and flooding during rainy season</li> <li>• No proper disease diagnostic capability or mobile disease diagnosing programmes from the governments/private side</li> <li>• Non-availability of brooders &amp; Artemia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delay in sanction of loan from Banks</li> <li>• Flooding during rainy season</li> </ul>