

The ultimate objective of the *Desarrollo de Acuicultura en México* is to demonstrate the viability of different types of aquaculture technologies. Projects sponsored by the program are expected to become operational over the six-year period that ends in 2000.

Environmental and social impact studies for the project were completed in 1995. Increased pressure for environmentally-appropriate technologies is expected to keep the foreign content of aquaculture projects high. Most of the new technology in this sector has been provided by firms from Florida, Texas and California.

AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION, 1995

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	National		Total	Aquaculture	Percentage
	Registered	Unregistered			
Total	1,194,425	216,330	1,410,755	157,574	11.17
Oysters	31,892	367	32,259	30,486	94.50
Carp	27,506	2,900	30,406	25,882	85.12
Mojarra	90,972	2,304	93,276	76,128	81.62
Bass	1,235	127	1,362	962	70.63
Catfish	5,086	504	5,590	2,710	48.48
Charal	5,659	16	5,675	2,398	42.26
Trout	6,808	153	6,961	2,659	38.20
Shrimp	85,901	n/a	85,901	15,867	18.47
Prawn	4,379	n/a	4,379	72	1.64
Others	934,987	209,959	1,144,946	410	0.04

Source: Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca (Semarnap), Secretariat of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries.