

BOOK REVIEWS

male progenies can be generated by crossing functional neo-females and normal males.

Under the section on nutrition, notable contributions are those indicating the use of taurine, glycine, arginine, trimethylamine and blood spraying on pellets as chemoattractants, L-tyrosin as promoter of protein efficiency and *Lactobacillus sporogenes*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *B. licheniformis* as probiotics.

Most Asian countries like Bangladesh, India and Vietnam culture prawns mostly for export. Invariably, the export suffers rejection by the importing countries on the grounds of bacterial load and pollutants. This has resulted in the adoption of

HACCP, the food safety criterion of the Apollo Mission Programme, as a mandatory guide for food safety and processing industries. For instance, the bacterial load of prawns sampled from India ranges from 3.65×10^5 to 7×10^7 , while tolerance limit is $<5 \times 10^5$, and that of the chlorinated pesticide residues is also higher than the tolerance limit. This is an important area in which the producers and processing industries require support by the Government to evolve a national policy for aquaculture. The Government must also support sustainable aquafarming of prawn by encouraging low-density culture integrated culture and diversification of candidate species from the list of 24

species of *Macrobrachium* and *Caridina* available in our country.

The editors are to be appreciated for bringing out this justifiably voluminous book, for flawless editing and colour pictures. The book is a landmark contribution and will prove an asset to policy-makers, professionals, consultants, farmers and postgraduate students interested in prawn farming.

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Erratum

Table 2 in the article 'Assessment of water quality in tsunami affected Andhra coast' by Y. V. Swamy *et al.* (*Curr. Sci.*, 2006, **91**, 1409–1412) contains errors in the first two columns pertaining to pH values. These columns should read as follows:

pH	
April 2005	May 2005
7.4	7.3
7.38	7.4
7.54	7.44
7.88	7.68
7.85	7.85
7.85	7.17
8.06	7.7
9.12	9.0
8.5	7.83

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