

An Assessment on Impacts of Shrimp Aquaculture: A Sociological Study on Puttalam Shrimp Farms

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Abstract

Aquaculture has got one of the quickest developing financial subsectors of the Sri Lankan economy. Shrimp is a fishery ware that has the financial worth and significant food arrangement in aquaculture. Shrimp trades are one of the Sri Lanka's major familiar trade workers and records for 40%-half of absolute aquaculture sends out. There has been an ongoing and quick development of the business over a beach-front belt of around 120 km in the North-Western Province (NWP) of Sri Lanka and presently shrimp ranches cover almost 3000 hectares of the waterfront region of the NWP and Puttalam area likewise remembered for that. This specific examination has been embraced in Puttalam locale and the principal target of this investigation is to evaluate the impacts on shrimp aquaculture in Puttalam and the sub-objective is to create proposals for upgrades in shrimp aquaculture activities to decrease the impacts. The qualitative method was utilized to gather the information for this investigation. Secondary information was gathered from books, journals and research papers and the information was analyzed by descriptive method. The decimation of the mangrove biological system, contamination, water struggle, water saltiness, soil saltiness, synthetic and water release, utilization of aimless substance and medication, the spread of illness and parasites, biodiversity misfortunes, saltwater and freshwater use are discovered to be the environmental impacts of shrimp aquaculture and social clashes and developing joblessness are found as the socioeconomic impact of the shrimp aquaculture in the Puttalam locale. Finally, the researcher proposed main recommendations such as protect mangrove forests, impact assessment, monitoring of ecosystem condition and trends and further policies and activities which are helping to improve ensure the sustainability of the industry.

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Introduction

Aquaculture is one of the extraordinary significant industry around the world, filling in as an elective source to conventional food creation frameworks to help oblige extension of the human populace and it has been characterized by Food and Agricultural Organization as 'the

cultivating of oceanic life forms including fish, mollusks, shellfish and sea-going plants (FAO, 2004). Sea-going nourishments have a high dietary benefit and are one of the most generally exchanged and traded food items around the world. Aquaculture creation developed at about 10% every year since 1985, contrasted and 3% for earthly domesticated animals and 1.5% for catch fisheries (Pillay, 1997). This development is required to proceed. There is a sensible expectation that for each capita fish utilization will increment about 1.5 kg every year by 2025 (FAO, 2004). Both populace development and expanded individual utilization show that fish items will be continuously more significant as an extra re-appropriate and aquaculture will assume a significant function in that utilization as common fish stocks keep on declining (Pillay, 1997). Fisheries and aquaculture are significant supporters of worldwide food flexibility, food security and jobs. It is assessed that the worldwide aquaculture area gives somewhere in the range of 27.7 and 56.7 million full and low maintenance occupations (FAO, 2016).

Shrimp industry as a component of aquaculture, constant to be the biggest single ware in esteem terms, representing 15% of the all-out estimation of universally exchanged fishery items (FAO, 2004). The shrimp business is an enormous worldwide business being cultivated in 50 nations universally (Kanduri and Eckhardt, 2008), at present creating 55% of the world's shrimp (WWF, 2016), with by far most of nations and creation situated in the creating scene. Surely, shrimp lake aquaculture carries significant monetary advantages to neighborhood ranchers and gives work over the shrimp business and worldwide market. Driving makers (arranged by creation) are Indonesia, China, Viet Nam, Thailand, India, Brazil, Bangladesh and Ecuador. The United States is presently the world's biggest shrimp market. It has been assessed that in any event half of the shrimp brought into the United States originates from aquaculture (World bank, 1999).

Shrimp aquaculture is viewed as an improvement opportunity in many agricultural nations where it has produced gigantic incomes and is advanced by both public governments and worldwide advancement organizations the same (FAO, 2010). At any rate, world aquaculture is overwhelmingly gathered in Asia and Asia assumes the main function in shrimp aquaculture. Asian aquaculture of numerous sorts delivered around 17 million metric tons in 1992, while the remainder of the world represented just a little more than 2 million metric tons and representing practically 80% of world shrimp, mostly from China and Thailand (World Bank, 1999). China has become the world's biggest maker and second biggest exporter of furnished shrimp after Thailand (FAO, 2010). Asia for the most part-gives a high extent of creation and

area business, where aquaculture has become a significant wellspring of food and sustenance, alongside global pay through fare markets.

Aquaculture and fisheries have long an indispensable piece of life for the individuals of rustic Sri Lanka and it can variety and secure pay in the nation. Aquaculture has gotten one of the quickest developing monetary subsectors of the Sri Lankan economy, giving protein-rich food, a wellspring of business, and unfamiliar money profit. Shrimp aquaculture was started on the eastern coast in the Batticaloa District in the last part of the 1970s however was restored during the mid-1980s along the seaside outskirts of the Puttalam region of the NWP of Sri Lanka and by and by confined to NWP and agreement to late studies the complete number of ranches is around 925 with the assessed territory of around 3,500 hectare. Absolute homestead creation during 1995 was around 3,250 tons and unfamiliar trade profit from the business were rupees 2,150 million (Jayasinghe, n.d). The cultivated shrimp trade represents roughly half of the all-out fare profit from Sri Lankan fisheries (FAO, 2004). It was the second most important fare fisheries in 2007, producing Rs 2487 million (NARA, 2007). Over 90% of the gathered refined shrimp re-sent out, going generally to Japan followed by United States of America and nations of European Union.

The shrimp aquaculture industry has extraordinary monetary and social significance. Yet, shrimp aquaculture has likewise been scrutinized or producing negative impacts on the climate, sea-going environments and human lives in waterfront territory (Pillay, 1997). As of late, the shrimp industry has experienced harsh occasions, with event impacts and confronting weaknesses. Ranchers built up a few procedures to defeat the vulnerabilities of shrimp aquaculture. By and large they responded truly adaptable to the difficulties of market disappointment and shrimp infection. In this line, these issues are faced by Puttalam region shrimp ranchers as well, so the researcher embraces this examination.

Literature review

It is essential to do a writing audit all together to discover the hole in past works. In that manner, Anderson (2018) completed an examination on ‘Global shrimp production review and forecast: Steady growth ahead’. He considers the shrimp aquaculture industry in five unique areas around the globe. These locales were Southeast Asia, China, India/Bangladesh, America, Africa/Middle East. The investigations went in the time of 2004 to 2012. His examinations additionally centered around the issues and difficulties in shrimp aquaculture. His examination of these issues and difficulties were appraised based on not significant, decently significant,

and critical. Still, the subject of the paper is connected with the flow research study the exploration territory and nature are different and it see the areas in general and not in Sri Lankan setting.

A fundamental survey was finished by Kesteven and Job and the paper named 'Shrimp culture in Asia and the Far East: A preliminary review'. That paper manages the development of shrimp in Asian nations. The paper presents a review of various culture frameworks received in different nations of the Asian locale. Further, it manages the status of territories like Philippine, Indonesia, Java, Kerala and Singapore as to the way of life of Monodon types of shrimp. In this way, the examination analyze the Asian background of the shrimp aquaculture.

Begum et. al. (2015) did an examination on the named of 'Technical efficiency of shrimp and prawn farming: Evidence from coastal region of Bangladesh' and 180 shrimp and prawn ranches were reviewed in Bangladesh to gauge their creation inadequacy and decide entertainers influencing the effectiveness level. They found that shrimp and prawn cultivating in Bangladesh have encountered breathtaking development in light of extending worldwide interest and higher monetary return. The outcomes show that there are generous incipencies among shrimp and prawn ranches. This paper simply focused on the specialized perspective on shrimp aquaculture and the examination territory depends on Bangladesh.

Munasinghe et. al. (2010) completed an examination on the tile of 'Shrimp aquaculture Practices in the Puttalam District of Sri Lanka: Implications for Disease Control, Industry Sustainability, and Rural Development'. An overview finished with 621 shrimp ranches (603 operational and 18 non-operational) inside the Puttalam area more than 42 weeks containing a progression of three day field visits covering two successive shrimp crops. Central shortages in infectious prevention, the board and biosecurity rehearses were found. Ranchers knew about biosecurity however the absence of budgetary assets was a significant obstacle to improved infectious prevention. Smallholder ranchers were excessively compelled in their capacity to establish essential biosecurity rehearses because of their monetary status. Fundamental penetrates in biosecurity will keep sickness as the rate restricting advance in this industry. Plans to help this industry must perceive the financial truth of country Sri Lankan aquaculture. At any rate this examination depends on the Puttalam locale the exploration approach is extraordinary and it center around the shrimp aquaculture rehearses and not about the impacts of shrimp aquaculture.

In this line, still there are many existing information which related with the shrimp aquaculture and not related with the impacts of the shrimp aquaculture especially in the Puttalam area. Thus, this investigation have attempted so as to fill this hole.

Objectives

The main objective of this study is to evaluate the impacts on shrimp aquaculture in Puttalam.

The sub-objective is to create proposals for upgrades in shrimp aquaculture activities to decrease the impacts.

Methodology

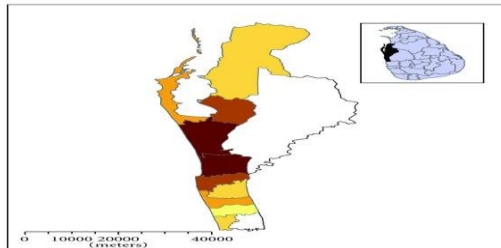
The qualitative method was used to collect the data for this study. Secondary data were collected from books, journals and research papers. A data were analyzed by descriptive method.

Study area

This particular study undertaken on Puttalam district. The absolute number of authorized homesteads (working and non-working) in Puttalam, and as per the report by National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA), it discovered 2536 accessible shrimp lakes with 1885 (74%) working. The 603 authorized working ranches involved in 1404.6 hectare. The majority of the relinquished homesteads were forever surrendered and changed over to salt creation, with a couple being utilized discontinuously for cultivating. Shrimp aquaculture was polished in nine Divisional Secretariat Divisions (DSDs), however most of working homesteads (counting the most elevated extent of huge ranches) were amassed in two DSDs, specifically, Mundalama and Arachchikattuwa. The Mundalama DSDs was the biggest shrimp aquaculture zone involving 452 hectares. Shrimp aquaculture zones in the Puttalam locale were officially partitioned by government into 34 subzones. The assignment of these subzones did not reliably reflect organic contemplations, for example, mutual water sources. Sometimes, actual structures, for example, streets, isolated zones. 54 percent of ranches of the Puttalam locale were under 1 hectare and 73% of homesteads were under 2 hectare. Family worked little scope ranches of 0.25–1 hectare were generally normal in 6 subzones (Pinkattiya, Muthupanthiya, Udappuwa, Kottage, Naguleliya and Pulichchankulama). The greater part of the relatives of these districts were associated with shrimp aquaculture and utilized it as their significant kind of revenue. A significant number of these ranchers leased their lakes and

depended on advances or pawning individual belongings to buy feed. These ranchers could not manage the cost of employed work (Munasinghe et. al. 2010).

Figure 1: Shrimp aquaculture zones of the Puttalam district, Sri Lanka



Source: Munasinghe et. al. (2010)

Results and discussion

Individuals in this network are associated with assorted pay producing exercises including tidal pond fishery, salt assembling, vegetable development and so forth. With everything taken into account, shrimp aquaculture networks particularly depend on neighborhood assets in pay creating exercises. At any rate, the ranchers the individuals who are associated with the shrimp exercises confronting numerous weaknesses. Those weaknesses and impacts from shrimp aquaculture are assorted, particularly as far as ecological, social and monetary angles. The degree of the degree of impacts is additionally needy upon elements, for example, size of creation, business enormous scope, medium scale, little scope, kind of activity, ranches, incubators and preparing plants and so forth

Environmental impacts

The environmental impacts of shrimp development when all is said in done are notable and various.

Devastation of the mangrove environment: Mangrove pulverization on the planet is brought about by two central point; aquaculture and farming extension, just as modern and settlement advancement (Naylor et al, 2000). As per numerous examinations, this shrimp aquaculture blast and the corresponded vanishing of mangrove biological systems have had negative outcomes, for example, salt precipitation and fermentation of soil, helpless water quality because of higher pollutants (high turbidity, low degrees of broke up oxygen and elevated levels of environmental issue) and water contamination causing shrimp sickness flare-ups. These results have adversely influenced the business of individuals subject to timberlands and fishing (Graaf and Xuan, 1998). Unlawful utilization of state lands, mangrove living space

decimation and helpless homestead development lead to an assortment of ecological and financial impacts that further affected the development and manageability of shrimp aquaculture in Puttalam (Cattermoul and Devendra, 2002).

Contamination: Poor quality feed is the primary contamination wellspring of the cultivating and its nearby waters, in spite of the fact that the dissolvable environmental issue is the significant component of water nature of the climate (Yang et al 1999). Escalated shrimp aquaculture requires a day by day change of water, roughly 5-10% of the absolute lake volume every day during later phases of development period (Joseph, 1993).

Water strife: Shrimp aquaculture the two causes water contamination and is influenced by it. Shrimp aquaculture may prompt extreme water contamination in close by tidal ponds, trenches, wells and groundwater sources. For instance, now and again the waste water from the lakes is straightforwardly released into these common water bodies, debasing them with the synthetic compounds utilized in shrimp aquaculture. Thus that water turns out to be falsely supplement advanced prompting green growth sprouts and eutrophication conditions in encompassing water bodies. Great quality water is the most crucial factor in shrimp aquaculture and creation of Shrimp lake is regularly restricted by water quality corruption on and wrong water profundity. Water quality issues are expanding in shrimp aquaculture territories in light of over the top taking care of, presence of high biomass because of high stocking thickness and utilization of medications, anti-microbial, synthetic compounds and eluents and so forth higher sums particulate substances additionally exist as suspension in the water of shrimp lakes (Nalaka et. al. 2010). Poor water characteristics are causing infections, higher mortality and low creation and in certain areas it has gotten difficult to proceed with shrimp aquaculture anymore, because of these poor water quality conditions.

Water saltiness: Salinity assumes a crucial part in the cultivating of salty water shrimp, with development of flowing water from the Bay of Bengal to the coast expanding in general water saltiness inside the polders. Saltiness fixation diminishes in the upland regions and increments towards the ocean, with blending of freshwater during the beginning of the storm with precipitation and expanded upland waterway streams having a weakening impact further inland. Nearby people group are worried that development of shrimp aquaculture will prompt saltiness of drinking water supplies and a danger of flood during blustery seasons. This circumstance has made a progression of public fights and clashes among designers and locals (Samaranayaka, 1986).

Soil saltiness: Prolonged shrimp aquaculture expands the dirt saltiness, causticity and drains soil calcium, potassium, magnesium and environmental carbon content which prompts soil corruption (Kabir and Iva, 2014).

Sedimentation: Water spillover during blustery season helps silt from upstream through waterway feeders to seaside zones. At the point when water from estuaries or waterway diverts is put away in shrimp lakes, the dregs rapidly choose the base as water speed eases back down (Yang et al 1999).

Substance and waste release: Another environmental issue related with shrimp aquaculture is the releasing of synthetic compounds and waste water into the general climate. Some shrimp ranchers release modest quantities of waste each day for clean water trade and delivery enormous sums when they gather. Laborers add synthetics all through the shrimp aquaculture measure that they release from the lakes toward the finish of the creation cycle (Da, 2004). The added substances are generally composts, pesticides, and disinfectants. Thus, specialists have found elevated levels of alkali in estuarine and mangrove territories close to shrimp ranches.

Utilization of unpredictable synthetic and medications: The most widely recognized items utilized in shrimp aquaculture are composts or the improvement of common feed and restricting material for water and soil control. Shrimp ranches apply various sorts of agrochemicals, anti-infection agents and disinfectants as a way to lessen illness and to settle their arms from fluctuating water quality boundaries without explicit asset to how viable they are being. Ranchers are additionally not mindful of the effect of the utilization of these synthetic substances on the homestead and more extensive climate (Samaranayaka, 1986). Abuse of anti-infection agents regularly decrease insusceptibility of the shrimp to sickness.

Spread of illness and parasites: Many sicknesses have spread all through the world due to mariculture exercises, for example, Taura Syndrome (TSV), Infectious Hematopoietic and Hypodermal Necrosis Virus (IHHNV), and White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV). Among other regular illnesses, dark gill, tail decay, shrinkage of muscle, blue infections, change of body tone and some conduct changes are additionally detailed by the shrimp ranchers (Walker and Winton, 2010). In this way none of the shrimp infections are known to be pathogenic to people and those infections are particularly harming the shrimp culture activities since spineless creatures don't have a counter acting agent antigen invulnerable framework. Sicknesses not just execute a lot of shrimp in the tainted lake, yet additionally spread to shrimp ranches in the close by zone by the arrival of defiled water into the climate. The outcome is

regularly an enormous misfortune underway and benefit. In the event that viral flare-ups happen consistently, more modest shrimp culture administrators might be compelled to surrender their lakes. So the sickness flare-up has been perceived as the greatest hindrances to the advancement of shrimp aquaculture (Arthur, 1998). The development of water between neighboring ranches, especially the water is contaminated, empowers the spread of water borne sicknesses from homestead to cultivate. Helpless water quality, related with spontaneous and uncontrolled outfitting has expanded the rate of illness and diminished creation and efficiency appropriately (FAO, 2004).

Biodiversity misfortunes: The impacts of shrimp aquaculture on biodiversity are various. Shrimp aquaculture influences biodiversity for some reasons. Shrimp lakes cover huge waterfront land territories and they contaminate huge volumes of water. Changed water flow frameworks are adjusting wild fish and shellfish environments. The danger sicknesses spreading out of the lakes into the wild stocks are expanding (Perera and Sriwardena, 1982). Contamination from shrimp ranches adds to the expanding recurrence of 'red tides' and imperils other local fauna and greenery.

Saltwater and freshwater use: Shrimp aquaculture requires bitter water, which is a combination of new and salt water, for activity. Since certain lakes are situated almost a freshwater source, the fundamental dread with salty water use is that it will cause salinization of this asset. Salinization could make drinking water become sullied. In certain cases, saltwater from these lakes has made the dirt on close by agrarian terrains become (Da, 2004). Another issue is that a few lakes require a lot of new water every day to lessen squander focus.

Socio, economic impacts

The social impacts from the shrimp business likewise straightforwardly influence the encompassing networks. In addition, there are numerous unrecorded burglaries, provocations and socially inadmissible practices occurring in the greater part of the business enormous scope aquaculture activities on the planet (EJF, 2003). The majority of the shrimp ranchers need to zero in on ensuring their collect once the shrimp stocks are grown up to an attractive size.

Social clashes: Notwithstanding ecological harm, the fast development of shrimp ranches have changed the conventional occupations of numerous individuals in seaside towns, since local people rely upon the marine frameworks that this industry debases. Accordingly, numerous social clashes have emerged among residents and shrimp ranchers. The fundamental social clash results from shrimp aquaculture advancement is, wrecking waterfront territories that

generally were public terrains. Shrimp ranchers either purchase these grounds or consent to a monetary arrangement with the legislature for a specific number of years. In the two cases, the shrimp ranchers make the land private and regularly deny local people admittance to the territory (Joseph, 1993).

Developing joblessness: Growing joblessness among the neighborhood networks has made various financial issues. Huge homesteads quite often utilize work from outside the network for reasons of security. Employment opportunities for the members of the local community in shrimp farms are therefore insignificant or non-existent. Provision of employment for the local communities in the projects would provide them with the opportunity to train themselves in shrimp culture and in the long run they would be able to have community shrimp ponds or a cluster off arms in the area to obtain income as a compensation for the loss of agriculture lands, grazing lands and fishing (Joseph, 1993).

These discoveries are unmistakably showing that, the apread of shrimp aquaculture has caused environmental harm and social movements in the Puttalam area. At any rate, a few proposals are proposed so as to moderate the impacts which occurring in the shrimp aquaculture.

Protect mangrove forests: Destruction of enormous regions of mangroves to develop new shrimp lakes is going on near Puttalam. Most designers don't consider the significance of mangrove timberlands since it isn't quickly evident. Mangrove timberlands give basic nursery grounds to an enormous number of fish and shellfish species whereupon the tidal pond anglers are absolutely reliant. On the off chance that the mangrove environment is harmed or decreased, there will be a decrease of fish gets of the tidal pond anglers. Moreover, this will demolish the settling justification for various transitory flying creature species who are originating from separation parts of Asia. Therefore, mangrove woods should be overseen cautiously. Choice of elective expected destinations in the Southern and Eastern piece of Sri Lanka will be a decent answer for this issue (Cattermoul and Devendra, 2002).

Impact Assessments: Improved and more far reaching usage of down to earth and significant Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) methodology can be suggested as a basic system for distinguishing antagonistic ecological and social impacts of aquaculture, and for creating the board intends to relieve impacts. That sway appraisals ought to be embraced in two levels and initial one is singular tasks and biological systems and the second is to comprehend the aggregate effect of all lakes in a region versus their conveying limit (Cattermoul and Devendra, 2002).

Monitoring of ecosystem conditions and trends: The fundamental environmental issue with aquaculture is that it extended excessively fast into locales where the results were not quickly known. It extended without generally pattern information, environmental and social effect appraisals and the executives plans for the utilization of the profitable yet delicate assets whereupon it depends. Each exertion ought to be had to foresee the impacts of shrimp aquaculture in an area before it is started and as the business is set up and extended (Cattermoul and Devendra, 2002).

Aside from those, diminish water utilize and broaden the life of lakes, distinguish and analyze illnesses, decline the requirement for anti-toxins, improve feed conveyance and use productivity, help keep up water quality and decrease the profluent stream of creation frameworks, keep up the indigenous habitat, encompassing the site however much as could reasonably be expected and keep up sufficient support zones, leading workshops to explain the utilization of biosecurity measures in aquaculture, kept up the degree of saltiness in shrimp ranches to guarantee great creation, saline open minded rice and different harvests should be acquainted in shrimp development regions with support these neighborhood economies and plan streets to limit sway on the hydrology of the region are can be noted by the development strategy creators.

Conclusion

Thusly, shrimp aquaculture is presently gives essential segment of the Sri Lankan economy in give the principle type of revenue for a great many individuals and an enormous extent of the creature protein. In Puttalam, the aquaculture business, especially of shrimp, plays a significant financial and social job turning out revenue, work and contributing essentially to foodstuff flexibly. There is a long history of such movement. Yet in addition has various going with environmental and financial impacts and those issues have made a lot of worry over how to create shrimp in an all the more earth benevolent, monetarily productive and socially worthy way. Thus, it is unmistakable to focus on the moderation exercises so as to decrease the effect which made by the shrimp aquaculture. As above talked about are must tended to so as to give an improved and manageable area into what is to come.

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