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# Sustainable carp farming and the Water Framework Directive

Sustainable Aquaculture workshop  
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# The short history of pond fish farming

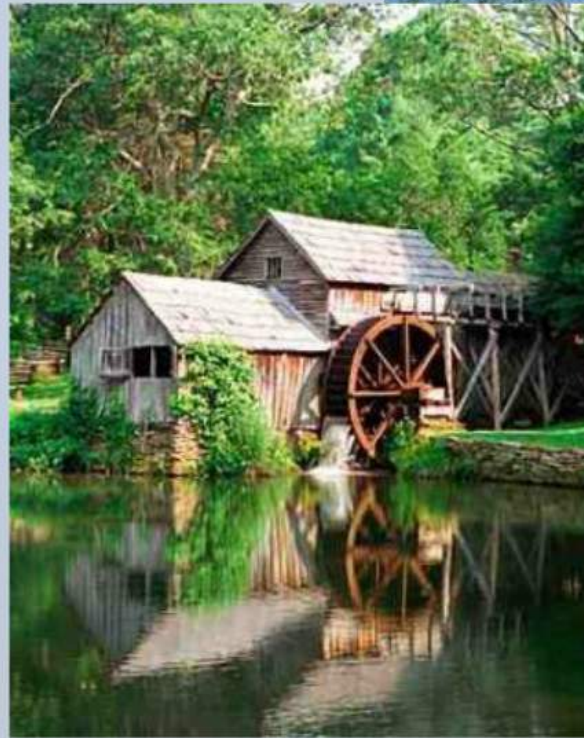
- Roman times: carp was grown in specially built ponds in South-Central Europe
- Domestication spread by monks between the 13th and 16th centuries
- Purpose built ponds were created to grow food fish





# The short history of pond fish farming

- Related activities
- Irrigation
- Terrestrial animal keeping
- water mills
- Hunting
- Reed harvesting



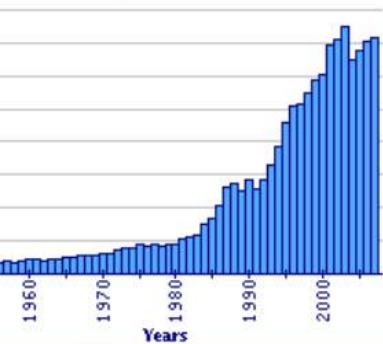


# The Significance of pond farming

- Economic
- Social - Rural livelihood
- Ecological
- Historical



culture production of *Cyprinus carpio*  
(FAO Fishery Statistic)





# Present status of carp farming

- Carp as food fish
- Present volume of production (~700000t)
- Environmentally conscious production
- Fish meal free production
- New goals and development opportunities





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# Fish Production - Aquaculture

- hatching
- fingerling production
- market size fish production





# Environmental services

## Protection:

- Ramsar
- Natura 2000
- Duna Ipoly National Park



## Ecological role of fishponds:

- water management
- biodiversity
- water quality





# Eco Tourism in Rétimajor

- Traditional fish restaurant, gastro-tourism
- wide range of accomodation
- wellness center - beach
- social events - fish festival
- guest services - bicycle rental, miniature sailboats, etc.
- conferences, workshops, training





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# Locally produced vegetables, fruits and meat

- Chemical free fruits and vegetables for local consumption
- Cattle and waterbuffalo rearing
- Social aspects - market for local producers



# Water Framework Directive

Carp farmers are regarded as polluters despite that:

- purification effects
- phosphorus and nitrate retention
- water retention services
- positive effects on wetland habitats
- increased biodiversity

are proven **FACTS**





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