

AQUACULTURE AND STOCK ENHANCEMENT OF REEF MOLLUSCS

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ABSTRACT

Molluscan resources contribute significantly to the local dietary and monetary needs in the coral reef areas. In recent years, interests in aquaculture and stock enhancement of some reef molluscs, such as giant clams, *Trochus* and green snail have developed in many nations in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, reflecting severe and widespread decline in stocks of those molluscs by over-exploitation. There are many locally consumed edible molluscs that require basic biological and ecological studies before developing their aquaculture and stock enhancement in the coral reef habitats.