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FISHERIES DIVISION ACTIVITIES, 1992.

1. Giant clams mariculture projects

research on the potential of giant clams (faisua) mariculture in Western Samoa continued in the beginning of 1992 after serious damaged was sustained to the Namu'a Island Ocean Nursery Site at Aleipata during Cyclone Val in December 1991.

- 5000 one year old clams species namely of Tridacna squamosa, Tridacna derasa and Hippopus hippopus arrived in ~~1991~~ 1992 from Fiji to restock the nursery and continuing the research.

2. Euchema (seaweed) Project

- Trials on the feasibility and viability of culturing the euchema sp seaweed is underway at the Namu'a Island nursing. The trials is in its starting phase.

160 kg of seaweed arrived from Fiji in July for the establishment of the pilot farm at Aleipata Site.

3. Deepwater Snapper Assessment

- Offshore bottom fish assessment programme continued in August after repairment to the Tautai Matapalapala; damage sustained during Cyclone Val.

4. FAD (Fishing Aggregating Device)

- 2 FADs were deployed in the beginning of this year. All FADs except one were broken (disanchored) during Cyclone Val.

5. Assessment of the effects of Cyclone Val

- The extent of the devastation is yet to be finally assessed. (Survey of reefs are still underway)

6. Oysters Project

- Trials of the feasibility of rearing giant Pacific Oysters (Crassostrea gigas) were ended in 1991. Further trials are awaiting for more spats to arrive.

7. Assessment of inshore resources (Artisanal Survey)

Because of increasing reports of alarming declining stocks of reef and lagoon fish and shellfish, the Division is continuing to collect information from villages around Savaii and Upolu.

8. Commercial landing of fish and shellfish in Western Samoa

- data collects from various sources for estimation of fish and shellfish landings in Western Samoa.

Sources: Fish Market
Landing Sites
Shops
Retailers
Wholesalers
Along roadsides.
etc.