



Water Series

# Policy Brief 13

Translating Practice into Policy and Practice Change

## Role of small irrigation tanks and village ponds in enhancing community oriented inland fisheries for rural food and nutritional security – Policy and Practice Changes



### Executive Summary

Aquaculture is the farming of aquatic organisms including fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Farming implies some form of intervention in the rearing process so as to enhance production such as regular stocking, feeding and protection from predators. Aquaculture contributes to poverty alleviation as it provides nutritional food

and employment to millions of people, both in the sector itself as well as in support services. Rural aquaculture as a tool to address poverty and reduce inequality has received renewed attention in recent years. It thrives largely on natural food available in water bodies.