

Dr Modadugu Gupta

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For over 4 decades, Dr. Modadugu V Gupta has been involved in research for development of low-cost aquaculture practices that could be sustained by small-scale farmers and rural women.

He started his career in 1962 with the Indian Council of Agriculture Research that resulted in breaking yield barriers in freshwater aquaculture. Subsequently, from 1977 he worked with Mekong Secretariat of UN-ESCAP, FAO and the WorldFish Center (CGIAR) for nearly 30 years in a number of countries.

As Research Coordinator of the International Network on Genetics in Aquaculture (INGA) he coordinated genetics research projects in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

He has been Consultant to a number of regional and international organisations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, UNDP, FAO, DANIDA, USAID, Commonwealth Secretariat, etc. Dr. Gupta is recipient of a number of awards and honorary degrees and a Distinguished Fellow of many scientific societies.

In recognition of his contribution to alleviating poverty and hunger through aquaculture, in 2005 he was given the World Food prize, the highest award in food and agriculture. Dr. Gupta has retired from the WorldFish Center as its Assistant Director General, but continues to be consultant/advisor to many organisations.