
Water and Fisheries and Wildlife

Fisheries and wildlife are integral aspects of economic development in Bangladesh and strongly linked to advancement of target groups, poverty alleviation, nutrition, and employment generation. Availability of water for fisheries is thus important from the point of view of sustenance as well as commercial ventures. It is, therefore, the policy of the Government that:

- a. Fisheries and wildlife will receive due emphasis in water resource planning in areas where their social impact is high.
- b. Measures will be taken to minimise disruption to the natural aquatic environment in streams and water channels.
- c. Drainage schemes, to the extent possible, will avoid state-owned swamps and marshes that have primary value for waterfowl or other wildlife.
- d. Water bodies like baors, haors, beels, roadside borrow pits, etc. will, as far as possible, be reserved for fish production and development. Perennial links of these water bodies with the rivers will also be properly maintained.
- e. Water development plans will not interrupt fish movement and will make adequate provisions in control structures for allowing fish migration and breeding.

Brackish aquaculture will be confined to specific zones designated by the Government for this purpose.