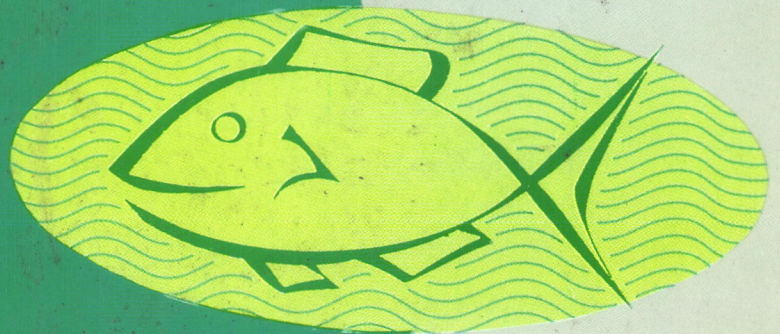


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PREFACE

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) is one of international institutions with which CRIFI have developed many collaboration research projects. Study on Tuna Baitfish Fishery in Eastern Indonesia is one of those projects which produced important information regarding the baitfish fishery in the area. This project involved the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) of Australia, and the Research Institute for Marine Fisheries (RIMF) of CRIFI, Jakarta; Fishery Provincial Office, North Sulawesi; Sam Ratulangi University, Manado; Assessment Institute for Agricultural Technology (AIAT), Ambon; and a State Fishery Enterprise, PT. Usaha Mina, of Indonesia.

This special issue of the Indonesian Fisheries Research Journal presents papers resulting from the baitfish research project. These papers have been reported to the workshop held for the project in Manado, North Sulawesi in July 1998. We consider that those papers contain valuable informations and should be made available for a wider coverage of audience. In this regard, we are grateful to ACIAR for the financial assistance to publish this special issue and to Dr. Stephen J.M Blaber of CSIRO who has made great efforts to make the papers appeared in this Journal of high standard.

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