

quality and relevant information on *Pangasius* farming would substantially benefit the sustainable production of these edible fish species. The provision of information which included details on the market structure, cost-benefit analyses and aquatic animal health as well as general husbandry guidelines was provided to nearly 5,000 households in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam as part of the



Figure 5 Preparation of home-made pellets by labourer (Source: M Crumlish IOA, Stirling)

dissemination activities of DFID project R8093. The information was provided through various formats including TV/radio programmes, workshops, meetings and leaflets. It is hoped that as the information provided was supplied in a format requested by the stakeholders then it would be regarded as more "trustworthy" and reliable.

It is anticipated that provision of information in a wide range of formats would allow existing and new farmers to make informed decisions about *Pangasius* farming and provide options and choices for many rural families considering this livelihood activity thus enhancing sustainability.

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Honorary Award to Professor Sir James Armour

The Institute is delighted to report the award of honorary Doctor of the University to Professor Sir James Armour, who is internationally renowned as one of the most eminent veterinarians of his generation. Professor Armour is particularly noted for his studies on the pathogenesis, epidemiology and control of many of the major parasitic diseases of farm livestock. Following appointments as Dean of the Glasgow Veterinary Faculty and Vice-Principal of Planning and External Relations at Glasgow University, Professor Armour was knighted in 1995. He has also served on many important committees and bodies associated with the development of Veterinary Studies and Higher Education. From 1997 to 2003 Professor Armour was a



Professor Armour at the Degree Awards Ceremony in July 2005 with the Chancellor of the University, Dame Diana Rigg, the Principal, Professor Christine Hallet, and Professor Randolph Richards.

member of the Institute's Advisory Committee where his experience and unstinting advice was invaluable in improving our research quality, leading to the award of a Grade 5 in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise

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