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LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

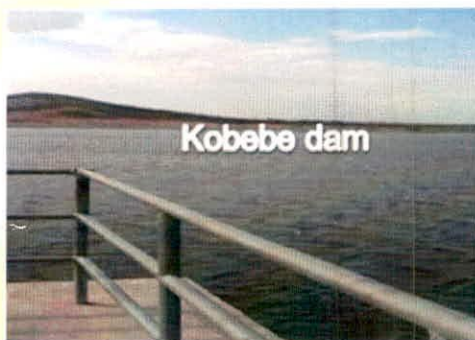
THE POTENTIAL OF FISH FARMING IN KARAMOJA SUB –REGION

Aquaculture is considered to be the fastest growing animal food industry worldwide and has been reported to account for more than 30% of the total fish consumed globally and also 10% of the fish produced in Uganda. This is attributed to the ever increasing demand of safe animal proteins in response to exponentially increasing global human population. Fish farming has a great contribution as a complement to other agricultural activities to rural house hold improvement as it can: provide an additional source of high quality food/protein and income thus contributing to food security as well as playing a vital role towards the achievement of the *Sustainable Development Goals no. 1 & 2*. (NDPII). Therefore, integration of aquaculture activities with other agricultural activities such as livestock and crop farming in Karamoja sub-region can greatly contribute to the overall socio-economic development



A Fish Pond by GIZ in the vicinity of Nakicumet valley dam

The recent establishment of large volume valley dams such as Kobebe, Arechek, Longoromit and Kawomeri in Moroto, Napak, Kaabong and Abim districts respectively (Ministry of Water & Environment, 2010) has offered Karamoja sub-region relatively reliable water sources for agricultural and domestic activities. This presents a great potential for aquaculture/ fish farming development in the region as various fish production systems such as cage farming and pond culture in the vicinity of the dams would improve the fish production in the region



Multiple utilization of the valley dams in the Karamoja sub region for fish farming and other agricultural activities will sustainably improve the overall productivity of these shared water bodies for socio-economic development in the surrounding communities.

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