

**Malaysia, Norway Sign Agreement On Developing Malaysian Aquaculture  
Regulatory Framework  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysia on Monday signed an agreement and institutional cooperation contract with Norway on 'Regulatory Framework for Aquaculture in Malaysia', to contribute to sustainable development of aquaculture in Malaysia.

With the agreement, Norway, which has a leading position globally in the aquaculture industry, will not only help Malaysia develop a regulatory framework for aquaculture farming, but will also provide experts and training for Department of Fisheries (DOF) staff in the field.

The total funding for the project is on a cost-sharing basis, where Norway will provide RM3.253 million in funding while Malaysia will contribute RM3.275 million, starting 2012-2015.

Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar said besides strengthening relations between the two countries, the agreement was a step forward to enhance the development of the local aquaculture industry.

Thus, he said, it would also help reduce the problem of fish supply shortage.

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