

Project Summary

Title	Prospects of aquaculture as a rural development intervention in eastern Uganda
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Purpose	The overall objective of this study is to establish the socioeconomics of aquaculture production in Mbale sub-region with a view to highlight its potential in rural development.
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Country and Specific Location(s)	Eastern Uganda (Mbale sub-region), Districts; Sironko, Mbale, Bududa and Manafwa.
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