

## **SMOOTH WAY TO RAISE LOBSTERS IN RATCHABURI**

The best occupation in Ratchaburi Province was fishery, especially lobsters and catfish were very popular. In Donprom village and Takdad village which were in Tumbon Dhonkha and Phohak respectively, they were in Bangphae District. EM was applied to raise lobsters by many farmers with very good result. Mr. Prakob said that he had deficit for many crops of raising lobsters. The main problem was disease. After he had applied multiplied EM in the pond, the use of antibiotic was reduced because of the reduction of disease. And also the feed was reduced, it was fed every other day not everyday as before. This situation caused the farmers to have a high income.

### **USE OF EM**

He mixed one litre of EM, one litre of molasses with 120 litres of water in a jar. At the same time he made three jars. After three days he put the mixture into the pond and continued doing this every three days.

Mr. Bua Na Chinda, he had ten rai (4 acre) of new lobster ponds. EM was applied to prepare the ponds and he went on using it until the lobsters were harvested. The capital for the new ponds including materials and every thing was around 200,000 baht. After eight months, It was the first harvest and he got back 800,000 baht. It was a very big profit. The rest in the pond would be harvested later.

The results of raising lobsters with EM was high yield and high income. The lobsters were very strong and healthy, immune to disease and with rapid growth. It proved very economical for the farmers. He said that it was worth while to take this job. The problems would disappear if EM was used correctly. Income would be increased which made all of the farmers very happy. The consumers would no longer worry about eating poisonous lobsters any more. So both farmers and consumers were very happy with EM lobsters.

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