

### Strong Support From Jiangsu Province For USSEC's Ongoing Aquaculture Project

USSEC is teaming with two other organizations to conduct a pond culture demonstration using zero-water discharge and soy-based (more than 60% soy) aquaculture technology to culture grass carp on a fish farm in Pingwang of China's Jiangsu Province. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate the environmental, economical and bio-safe advantages of this technology over the traditional technology. Working with USSEC on the project is Nanjing Institute of Environment Sciences (NIES) of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Jiangsu Provincial Extension Station for Fisheries Technology (JES). USSEC will provide the technology, feed formulas, monthly sampling and final report, while NIES will conduct initial and monthly water analysis and pond bottom mud checks at the beginning and at the end of the project. JES will provide coordination and facilitation for the project. USSEC staff has learned that to support this project and encourage the development of environment-friendly aquaculture technology in the province, the Jiangsu Provincial Bureau of Ocean and Fisheries has decided to grant a total of \$73,500 for two years (2010 and 2011). In addition, NIES will also provide financial support to this project. Jiangsu Province is one of China's largest aquaculture provinces with a total annual freshwater aquaculture production of about 3 million metric tons, which ranks No. 3 in the country.



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