

Indonesia's ARC achieves first step in tropical eel reproduction

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The Aquaculture Research Center (ARC), a cutting-edge facility established by PT Suri Tani Pemuka (STP), a member of Singapore's JAPFA Group in Indonesia, has reached a groundbreaking milestone in aquaculture by successfully achieving the first step in reproducing the high-value tropical eel, *Anguilla bicolor*, marking the first such accomplishment worldwide. This pioneering development marks a major advancement in the sustainable management of eel populations, with promising implications for both commercial aquaculture and eel conservation efforts. PT Suri Tani Pemuka (STP) is a subsidiary of JAPFA that focuses on integrated aquaculture.

Tropical eel, with the scientific name *Anguilla bicolor*, is considered a high-value species due to its exceptional demand in culinary markets across Asia and beyond. This eel is prized for its rich flavour and high nutritional content, making it a popular choice for premium dishes. Sustainable aquaculture of tropical eel addresses the growing demand, while reducing pressure on wild populations, thus contributing to biodiversity conservation and ecological balance.

This success in the first step of reproducing tropical eel not only represents a historic achievement in aquaculture but also underscores JAPFA Group's commitment to sustainability in food production, paving the way for future innovations in the aquaculture industry.

Headquartered in Singapore; JAPFA has established an integrated network of modern farming, processing and distribution facilities in Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Myanmar and Bangladesh.