

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LITERATURE ON THE MANGROVE OYSTER *CRASSOSTREA RHIZOPHORAE* (GUILDING, 1828)

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ABSTRACT A total of 166 references on the biology and cultivation of *Crassostrea rhizophorae* (Guilding) are presented. Although the list is unlikely to be complete, it is the first bibliography dedicated to this species of mangrove oyster.

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INTRODUCTION

The mangrove oyster *Crassostrea rhizophorae* (Guilding), a close relative of the American oyster *Crassostrea virginica* (Gmelin), is distributed between Florida and Brazil and throughout the Caribbean region. Its fast growth and delicate flavour combined with the depletion of natural stocks and the destruction of its natural habitat have made it an ideal candidate for aquaculture. However, in spite of the large number of studies addressing the biology and cultivation of this species, relevant aquaculture technology remains varied and largely in its infancy. It is felt that major factors contributing to the slow development of

the industry stems from poor communication between interested groups as a result of differences in language, geographic isolation and the paucity of regional venues, be they journals or workshops, for the dissemination of information.

With the aim of surmounting some of these barriers the following bibliography has been collated. By virtue of the very problems mentioned, the list cannot be exhaustive. Nonetheless it is a starting point. It is urged that any readers aware of other pertinent literature make it available to the author or a body such as the International Development Research Centre, Canada, or the Caribbean Aquaculture Association so that in the future a complete bibliography may be published and distributed.

For bibliographic treatments of other oyster literature, including some on *C. rhizophorae* listed below, refer to Joyce (1972) and Breisch and Kennedy (1980).

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