

Kenneth E. Corpron



Ken Corpron graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington with a Bachelor's degree in Zoology in 1977, followed by a Master's degree in Fisheries Science in 1982. Ken worked for many years in the trout farming industry, initially in Washington state for Troutlodge, the world's leading supplier of eyed trout eggs, and subsequently in Idaho state where he managed a rainbow trout operation and later worked in the research operations of Rangen, Inc., a leading US aquaculture feed manufacturing company. Ken moved to Thailand in 1989 to manage a black tiger shrimp research operation funded by BP Nutrition, affiliated with the Aquastar 750-hectare intensive black tiger shrimp operation in Songkhla, southern Thailand.

After spending four years immersed in Thailand's shrimp industry, Ken moved to India to work in the aquaculture feed business, initially with Rangen, Inc., and later with INVE. In 1999, Ken moved to Madagascar to manage the 700-hectare semi-intensive black tiger shrimp farm belonging to Aqualma. In addition to becoming ISO 9001 v. 2000 compliant, and later becoming the first shrimp farm in the world to certify under the French Red Label system, Aqualma also applied to be certified under the Aquaculture Certification Council's (ACC) shrimp farm standard, passing with high marks in 2006.

Ken attended the 2005 ACC auditor course in Surabaya, Indonesia, and following his return home to the United States at the end of 2006, Ken started working part-time with the ACC in pioneering their shrimp farm certification program in Thailand. When the ACC shifted to third-party certification bodies, and the ACC became the Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) division of the Global Aquaculture Alliance, Ken was hired full time by the BAP to oversee the farm certification process in Thailand. Since that time, Ken has taken on a more expanded role, overseeing many of the BAP activities throughout the Asia-Pacific Region and assisting in BAP training programs.