

## **Role of Agricultural Extension in Developing Fisheries in Assiut Governorate**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The main objective of this paper was to examine the role of agricultural extension and its importance in developing fisheries in Assiut governorate. The paper presents natural fish resources in Egypt and fish farming. It also presents the geographical distribution of fish resources in Assiut governorate. The paper depends on different kinds of data obtained from different sources. Secondary data were obtained from different sources at the national and regional levels. Primary data were obtained from Officials, owners of some fish farms, and fishers through personal interviews. Discussion groups were organized and held with some fishers in five villages in Assiut governorate to know their problems and ranking these problems according to their importance.

Results showed that several problems were raised by officials, owners of fish farms, and fishers. The results also showed the absence of agricultural extension role in this field in Assiut governorate. Great efforts are needed by the government and the agricultural extension organization to play its role effectively in order to develop fisheries in Assiut governorate.