



# Economic Status of Freshwater and Brackishwater Operators: Case study of Aquaculture Industry in Malaysia

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## Background

- By 2020 Malaysia is projected to achieve high income status country
- In general, since independence in 1957 efforts have successfully addressed poverty
- Pockets of poverty exist in rural areas & the fishery sector



# Outline of presentation

- **Development and poverty eradication in Malaysia**
- **The aquaculture sector**
- **Methodology**
- **Findings and conclusions**



## *Malaysia's Development Efforts*

### 3 National Policies

- **New Economic Policy** 1971 - 1990
- **National Development Policy** 1991 - 2000
- **National Vision Policy** 2001 - 2010

### 3 Outline Perspective Plans (OPP)

- **OPP 1** 1971 - 1990
- **OPP 2** 1991 - 2000
- **OPP 3** 2001 - 2010



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**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
POLICY (1990-2000)**

**NATIONAL ECONOMIC  
POLICY (1971-1990)**

*POLICY*

**NATIONAL VISIONARY  
POLICY (2001-2010)**

## **BACKGROUND**

**POVERTY RATES 1970 -  
49.3%**

*ACHIEVEMENT*

**POVERTY RATES 2009 -  
3.8%**

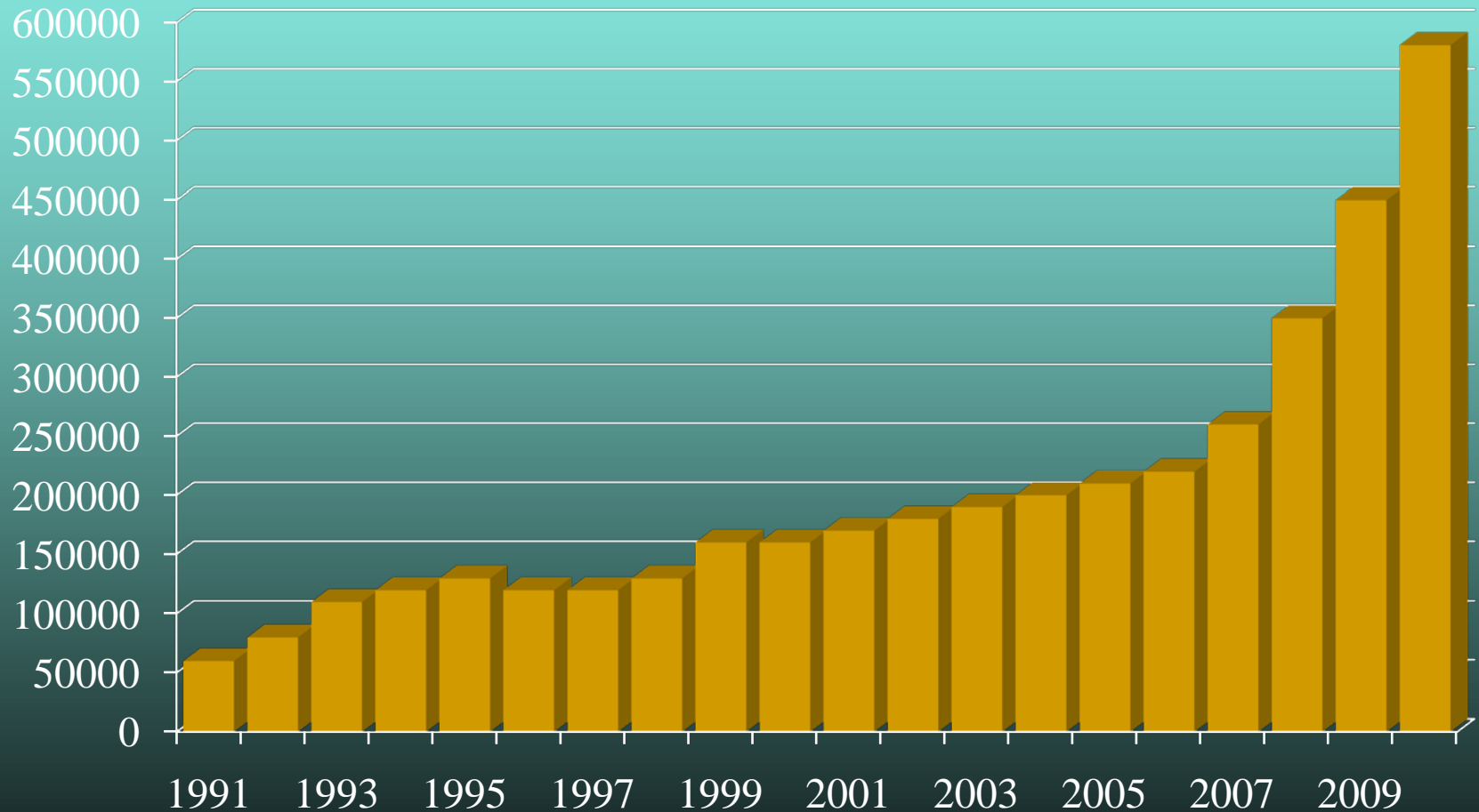
**Basic infrastructure  
Human capital  
investment  
Rural development**

**POVERTY RATES  
1990 - 16.5%**

**Targeted poverty (Hard  
core) Urban poverty**

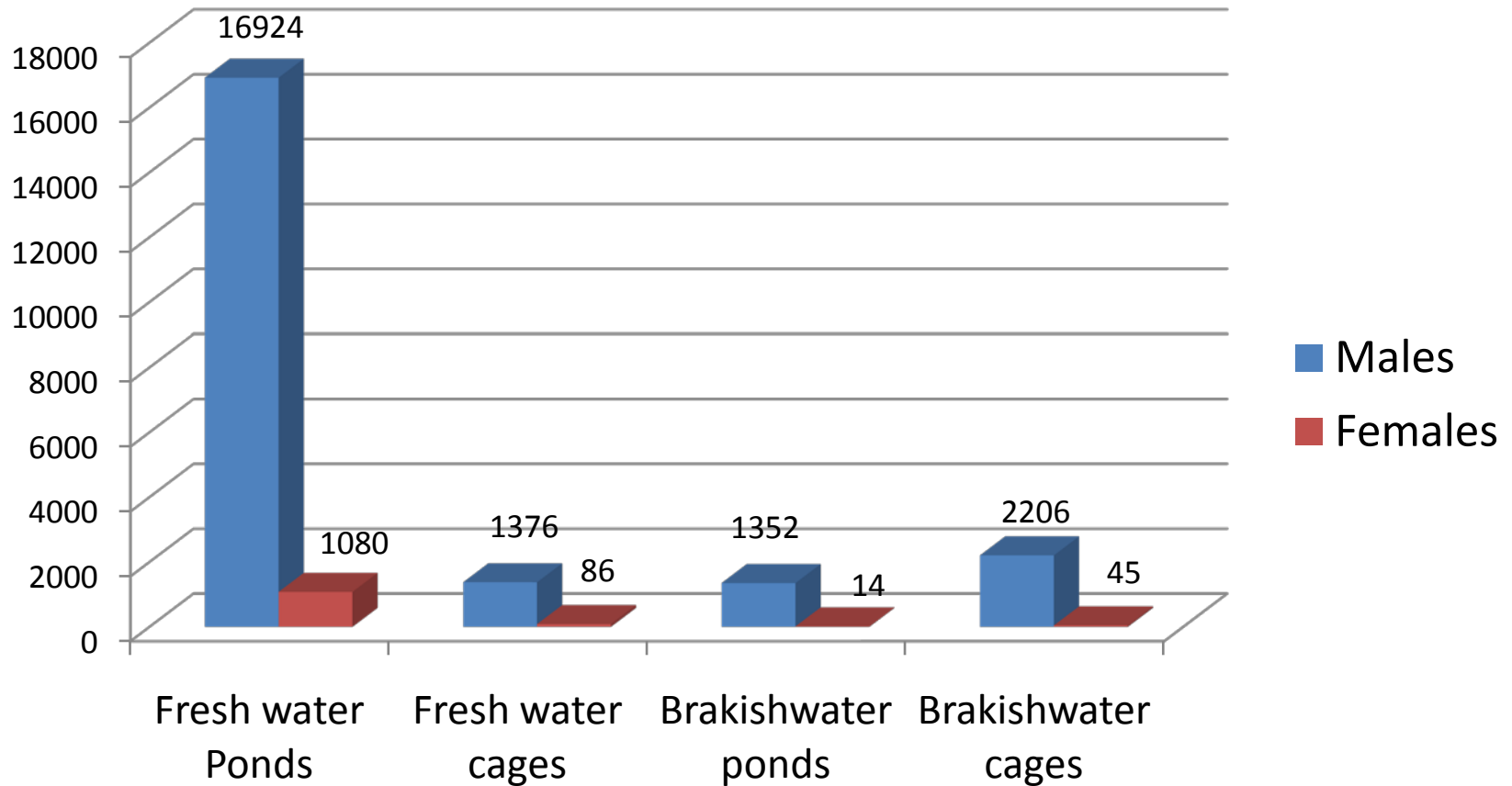
**Pockets of poverty  
Vulnerable group  
Relative poverty**

# Aquaculture - Total production (MT) 1991 – 2010 (Mysia)





# Number of Freshwater and Brackishwater Culturist by Gender



## Poverty in the Fishing Sector (PLI= RM660)

Poverty Among Fishermen	Poor household	Hardcore poor	Total Fishermen
Household Income Survey 2004	20,695 (29.7%)	5,882 (8.3%)	69,680
e-Kasih 2006 (poverty database)		2,036 (9.0%)	22,745
Traditional fishermen 2008	1,604 (38.2%)	340 (8.1%)	4,201 (total 15,974)
Bruit Island (2010)	1,668 (93.7%)	36 (2%)	1,780
Household Income Survey 2004	282 (30.7%)	40 (4.4%)	980





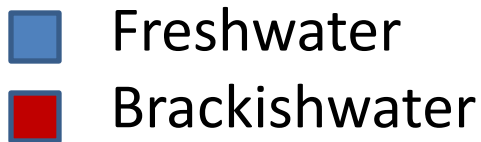
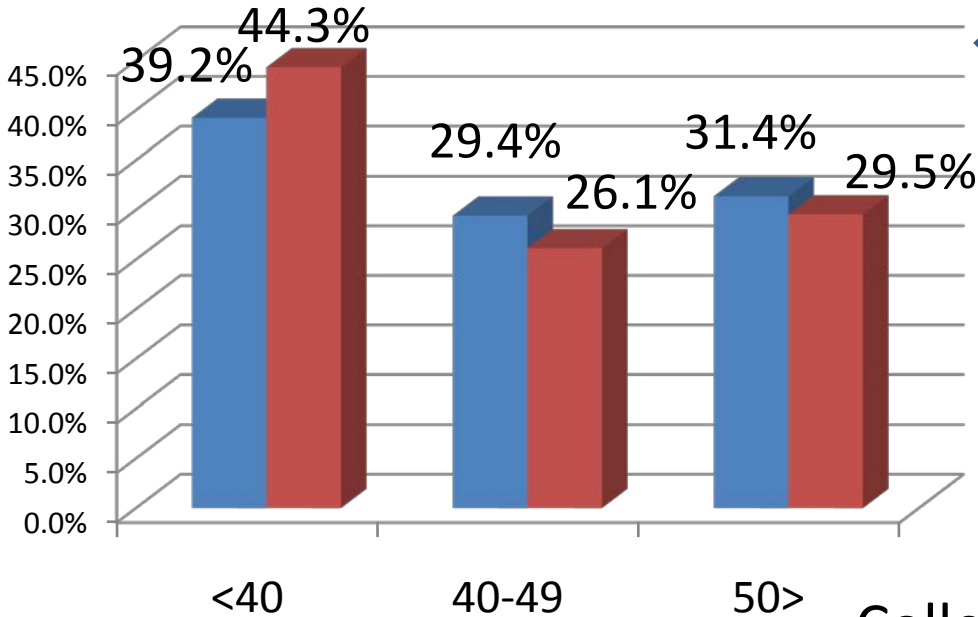
## Research Question

**What is the economic status (as measured by asset ownership, savings, household income) of operators involved in brackishwater and freshwater aquaculture?**

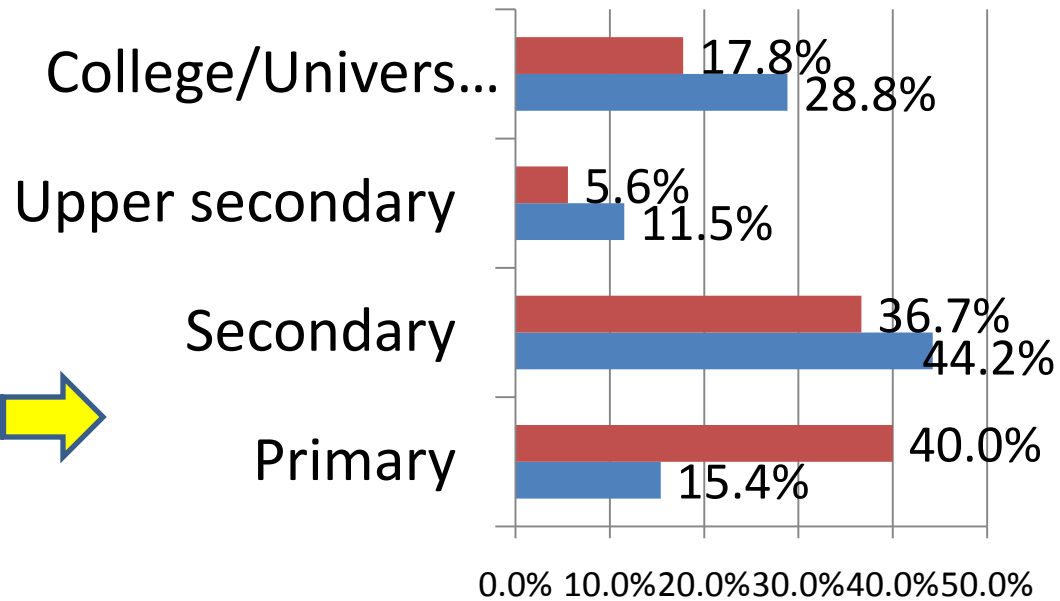
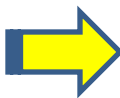


# Research Methodology

- Study Location: Kuala Besut, Terengganu with support from Fishery Development Board Malaysia
- Self administered questionnaire with guidance
- Collected in June 2011
- Total sample: 142 aquaculturist
  - 90 brackishwater
  - 52 freshwater

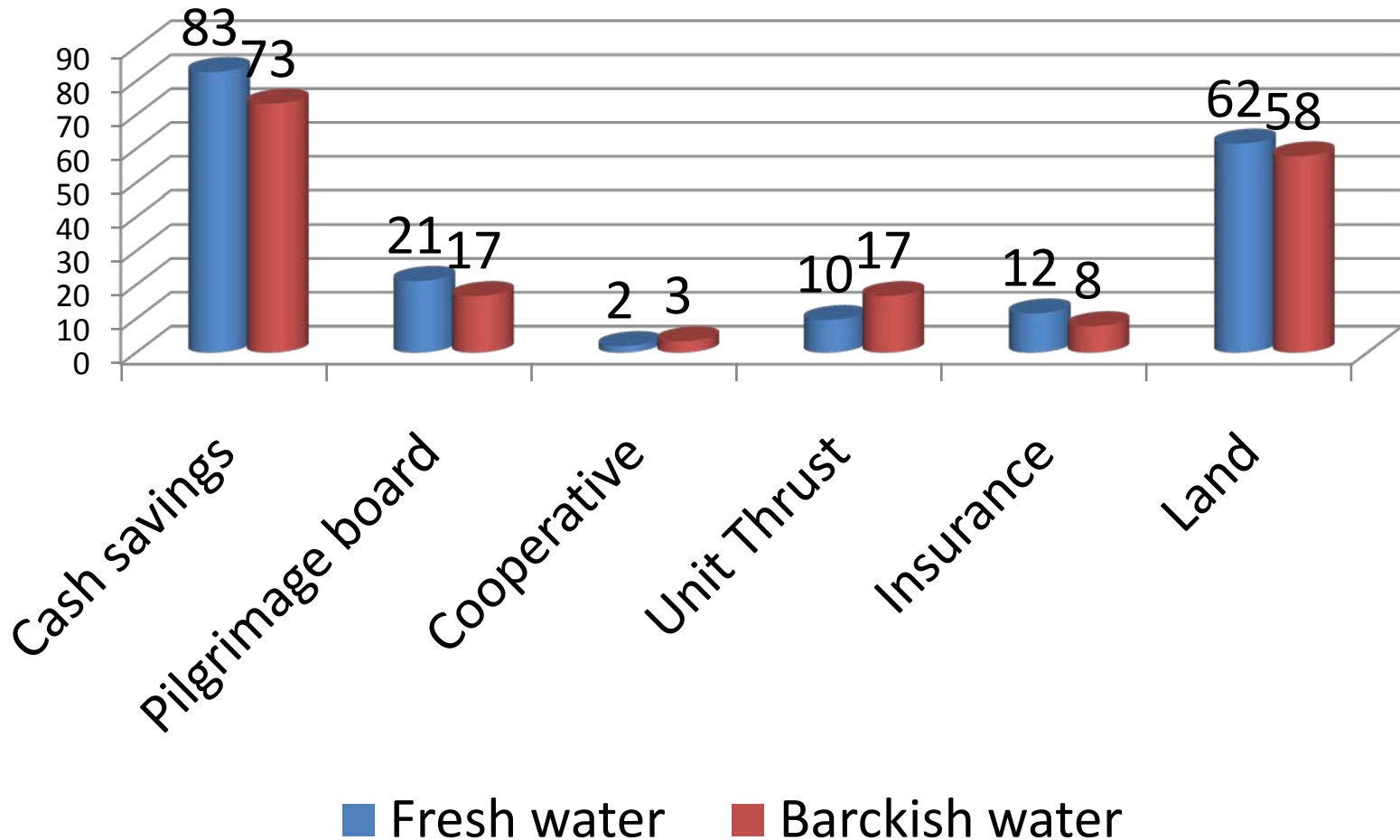


**Educational Attainment**



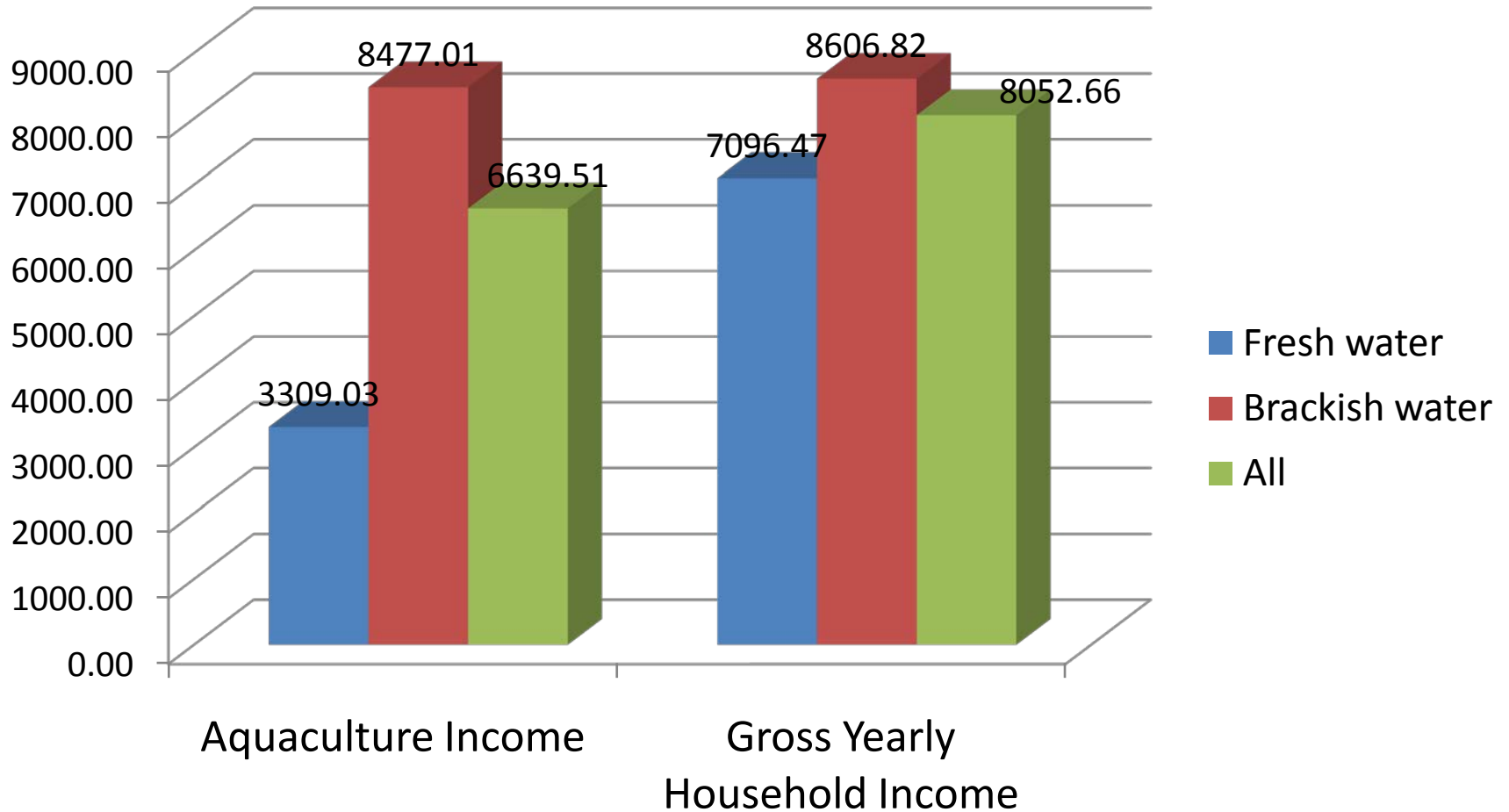


## PERCENTAGE RESPONDENTS WITH SELECTED ASSETS



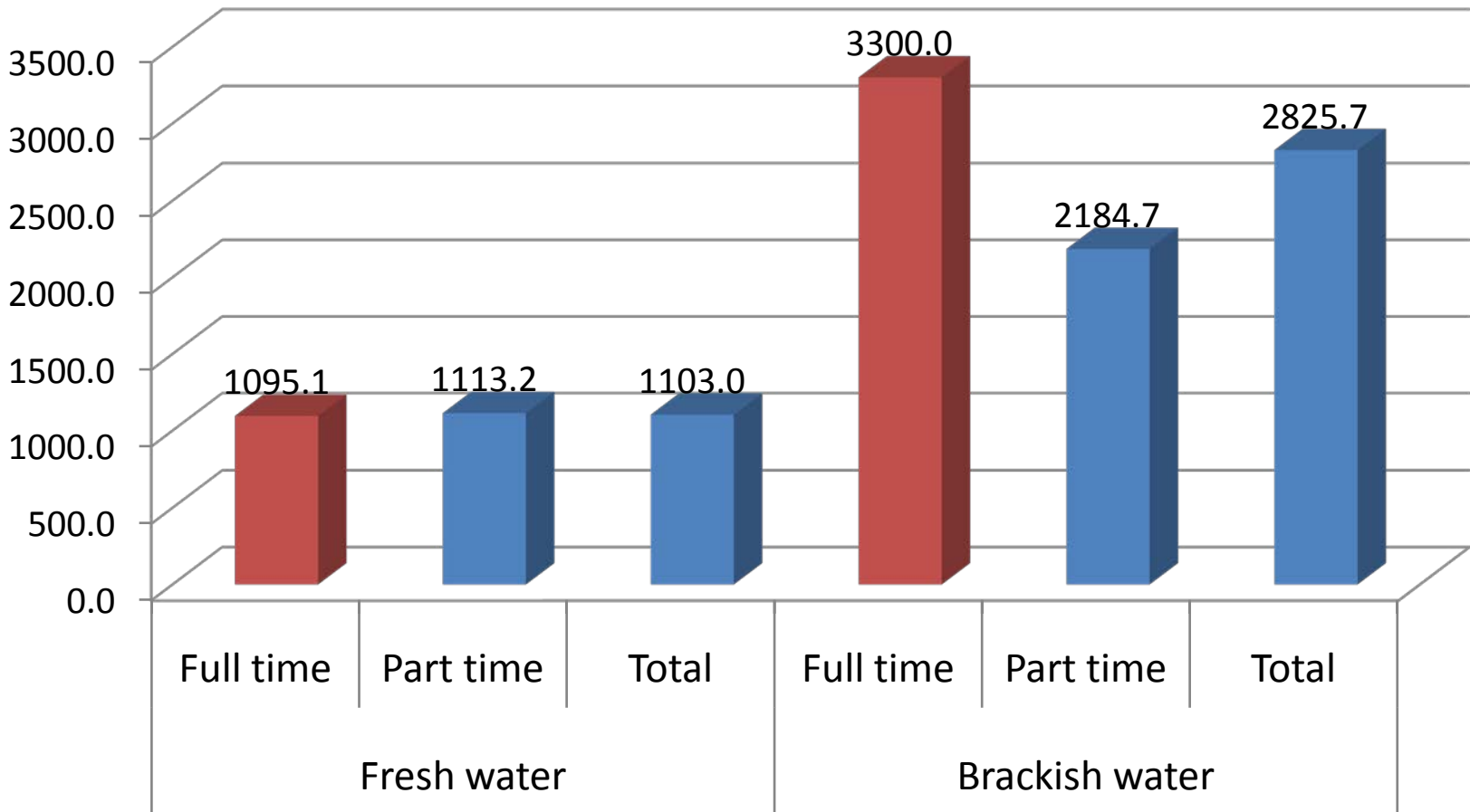


## Mean Income: Aquaculture and Gross Household



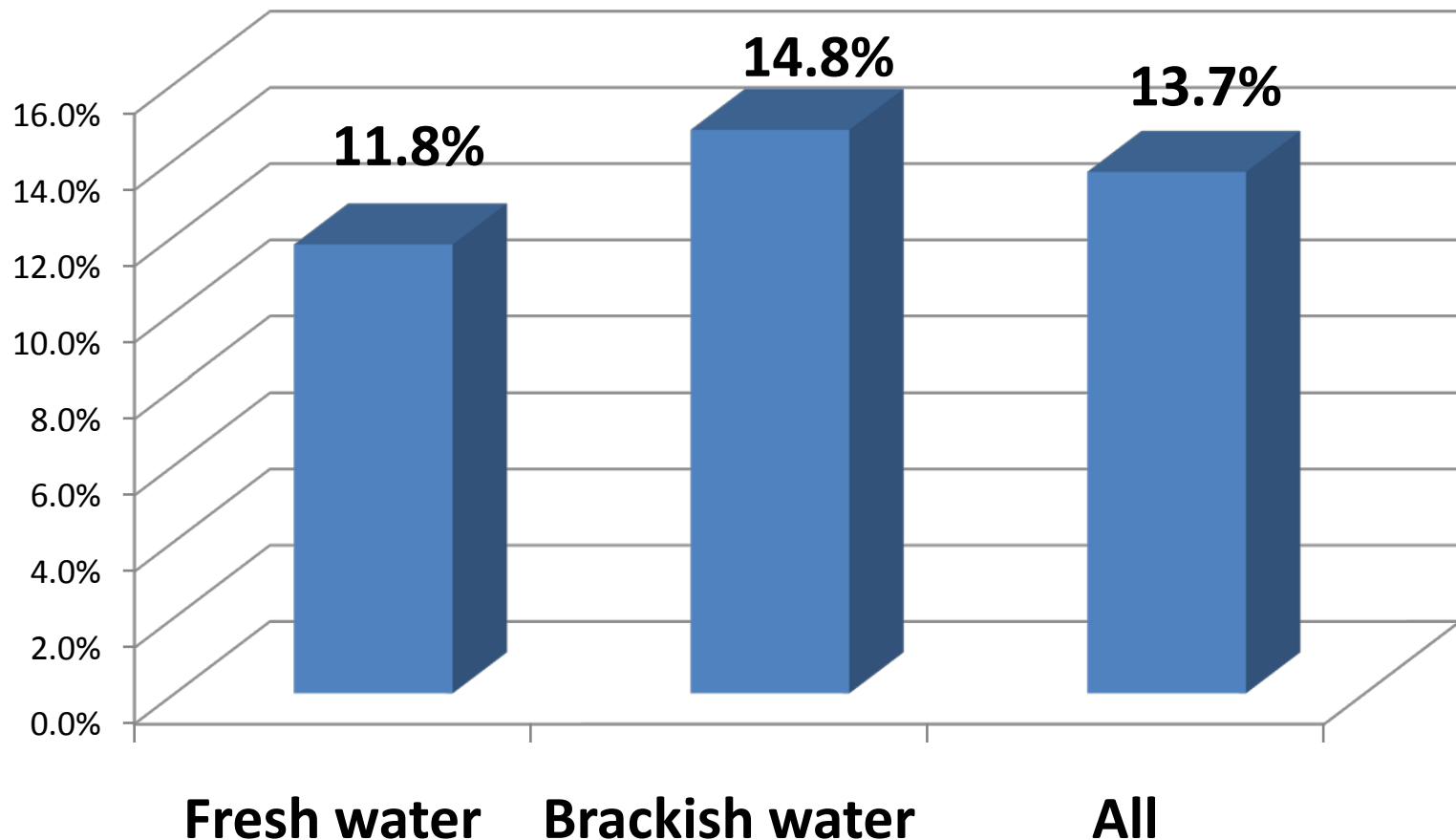


## Mean Income From Aquaculture Activity



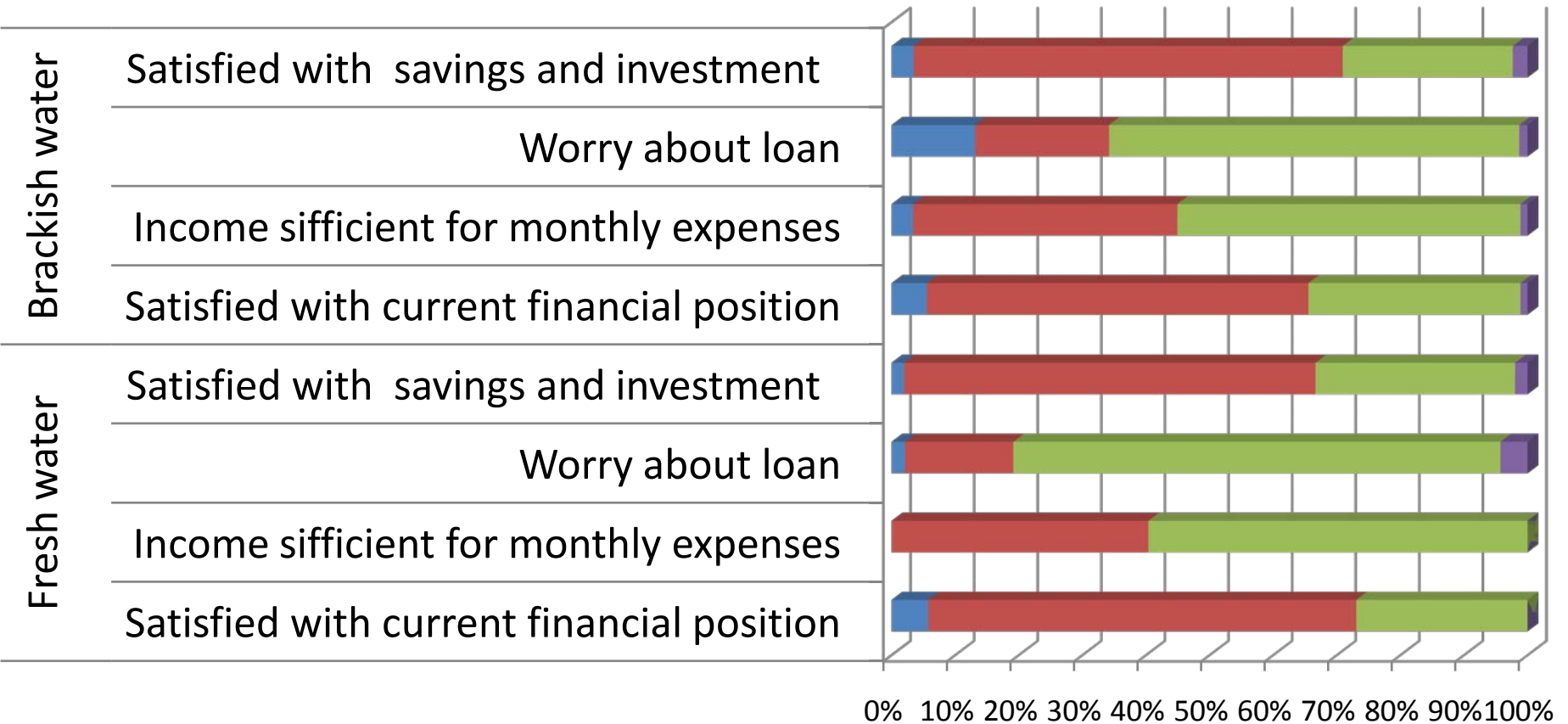


## Poverty Rate Among Fresh and Brackish Water Operators





## Perceived Financial Situation



■ Strongly disagree   ■ Disagree   ■ Agree   ■ Strongly agree





# Conclusions

	Freshwater	Brackishwater
Having assets	<b>Higher %</b>	
Income		<b>Higher</b>
Poverty rate		<b>Higher</b>

Need to further investigate the net earning of aquaculturist to assess the impact of poverty eradication programs



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