

# An economic study on the axes and constraints for Lake Manzala development 

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#### Abstract

Manzala Lake undergoes a decline in its fish production in recent two decades. The present work aims to assess the axes and constraints for development of its fisheries. Descriptive and quantitative analyses were conducted for its production during the period from 1995 to 2016. The results revealed that Manzala Lake produced 59.6 thousand MT ( $14.6 \%$ total fish production in Egypt) during 1995 and declined to 42.3 thousand MT (3.4\%) during 2016. Statistically, data revealed that estimated model at $10 \%$ change in tilapia production led to $78 \%$ in the lake total production, $10 \%$ change in catfish led to change in $17 \%$ of the lake total production and about $93 \%$ of annual production leads to changes in fish species. The annual increment in productivity per boat was estimated as 1.14 MT , with estimated $6 \%$ rate of change during period from 1995 to 2016 based on the linear regression of average productivity per boat. In addition, productivity per fisherman indicated that there was a progress trend estimated at 7.5 MT per year, with a rate of change estimated at $4 \%$ during the study period. And, the average productivity was slightly increased from 313.7 to 384.6 kg between 1995 and 2016, respectively. In conclusion, this study suggests some solutions for constraints which are negative affecting the lake development.


## INTRODUCTION

Manzala Lake is the most important northern lake in Egypt in terms of area and multiplicity of fish species. However, it is exposed to several threatening problems as a result of hydrological and natural changes, which adversely influenced environmental balance in the lake, resulting in disappearance of some fish species, as well as changes in the composition of fish species and fish stocks (Ministry of Environmental Affairs, 2016). Quantity of water flowing into the Lake was estimated about 6.7 million $\mathrm{m}^{3} / y e a r$. It is a mixture of agricultural drainage water from Hados drain (49\%); Bahr El-Baqar wastewater drain (25\%); El-Serw drain (13\%); Ramsis and Farascor drains (4\% each), El-Mataria drain (2\%); El-Anania Canal, El-Ratma


Canal and El-Saffara Canal branched from Dameitta in front of Ras El-Barr (GAFRD, 2012). Therefore, this work was designed to identify the constraints and development axes related to economic importance of Lake Manzala and factors affecting fish production, composition and relative importance, and geographical distribution of fish species, and main problems obstructing fish production, as well as the development axes for this Lake.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study location: The Manzala Lake lies within the borders of five Egyptian governorates (Dakahliya, Damietta, Port Said, Ismaillia and Sharkiya). It is bordered by the Suez Canal to the East, the Damitta Branch of the Nile to the west, the Mediterranean Sea to the north and agricultural land in the south. Nine agricultural and sewages drains are the main sources of it water; Hados, Bahr El-Baqar, El-Serw, Ramsis, Farascor, El-Mataria drains, El-Anania Canal, El-Ratma Canal and ElSaffara Canal. The catch is landed through five regions; Al-Mothalath (Triangle), Qaar El-Bahr (Sea-bottom), Booz El-Balat, El-Gohr and Mother Lake.
Collected data: Data were collected from published annual statistical bulletins from 1995 to 2016 which were issued by Ministry of Environmental Affairs (2016) and GAFRD (2012 \& 2018).
Statistical analyses: The descriptive and quantitative analyses; percentages mean, linear and logarithmic models, and regression analysis were estimated using MS office (Ver., 2016) and SPSS (Ver., 20) programs as following:
1- Linear Regression Model to estimate total fish production during period of study:
$\log y_{n}^{A}=\log 1.304+0.789 \log \mathrm{x}_{1}+0.031 \log \mathrm{x}_{2}$

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(1.320) \quad(9.407)^{*} \quad(4.917)^{*}
$$

$\overline{\mathrm{R}}^{2}=0.93 \quad \mathrm{~F}=46.79$
Where:
$y_{n}^{\wedge}=$ Estimated total fish production from Lake Manzala,
$\mathrm{X}_{1}=$ annual production of tilapia,
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{Y}}=$ annual production The catfish.
$X_{n}=$ time variable in years $(1,2,3, \ldots \ldots, 22)$

* Significant at 0.01 level.

2- Linear Regression Model to estimate average productivity per boat:
$\hat{y}_{t}=10.35+1.044 x_{t}$
$\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.46 \quad \mathrm{~F}=19.1$
Where,
$\hat{\mathrm{y}}_{\mathrm{t}}=$ average productivity per boat
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}}=$ time in years $(1,2,3, \ldots \ldots, 22)$
** $=$ significant at 0.01 level.
3- Linear Regression Model to estimate average productivity per fisherman:
$\hat{\mathrm{y}}_{\mathrm{t}}=-13.8+5.33 \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}$
$\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.28 \quad \mathrm{~F}=7.9$
Where,
$\hat{\mathrm{y}}_{\mathrm{t}}=$ average productivity per fisherman during the period 1995-2016:
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}}=$ time in years $(1,2,3, \ldots \ldots, 22)$

* $=$ significant at 0.05 level.


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Economic Importance and quantities of the fish species in Lake Manzala

The economic importance of Manzala Lake includes fish production, fishermen, catching boats and services associated with fishing processes. Table (1) and Fig. (1) show fish production from Lake Manzala during period from 1995 to 2014 according the plans and strategies as set by GAFRD (2012). It could be observed that fish production declined from 59.6 thousand tons ( $14.6 \%$ of total fish production in Egypt) during 1995 to 42.3 thousand tons (3.4\%) during 2016. It was also noted that fish production fluctuated to estimate as average 63.7 thousand MT during the period from 1995 to 2005 and it remained relatively stable to record 53.1 thousand MT during period from 2006 to 2016. However, total fish production obtained from this lake was estimated about 81.4 thousand MT during 2013. Such increase can be attributed to increases in the number of fishing boats, fishing effort and improved fishing nets.

## Fish Species in the Lake Manzala

Changes occurred in the aquatic system led to less salinity and increasing the vegetation covered in all parts of the lake (Ministry of Environmental Affairs, (2016). Such factors led to changes in fish species composition, where marine species as a high economic value declined whereas freshwater species increased. Based on the data presented in table (1), it could be noticed that Eels production declined from 783 MT during 1995 to 9 MT during 2016, seabass and seabream species declined from 190 and 289 MT respectively during 1995 to zero production during 2016. Also, tilapia production decreased from 35.5 thousand MT to 19 thousand MT at the same period. On the other hand, mullet and catfish recorded a relative stability which could be attributed to higher quantities of fries produced by fish hatcheries of fish farms surrounded the lake while carp fish species increased as result could be attributed to get rid of the aquatic plants.


Fig. 1: Fish production from Manzala Lake during the period 1995 - 2016.
Source:

- The Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Bulletin of Fish Production, Issues 1995-2016.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Fish Production Statistics, Issue 1995-2016.

Table 1: Species and quantity of fish production from Lake Manzala during the period 1995-2016.

| Year | Silver- sides | Tilapia | Bugrus | Shrimp | Eels | Daffas | Seabream | Mullets | Seabass | Catfish | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Nile } \\ \text { Perch } \end{gathered}$ | Crabes | Meagre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Grass } \\ \text { Carp } \end{gathered}$ | Gilthead Seabream | Spotted Seabass | Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 | 725 | 35503 | 363 | 176 | 783 | 0 | 289 | 465 | 190 | 3844 | 497 | 4855 | 24 | 2206 | 100 | 238 | 9341 | 59600 |
| 1996 | 297 | 32881 | 205 | 277 | 494 | 0 | 254 | 301 | 238 | 2114 | 219 | 4191 | 54 | 1940 | 106 | 411 | 8523 | 52505 |
| 1997 | 249 | 39826 | 621 | 2252 | 178 | 0 | 372 | 2745 | 596 | 5206 | 242 | 0 | 45 | 296 | 0 | 280 | 9941 | 63098 |
| 1998 | 393 | 40050 | 171 | 252 | 631 | 0 | 169 | 308 | 301 | 2814 | 633 | 0 | 49 | 2258 | 0 | 263 | 24655 | 78261 |
| 1999 | 122 | 33929 | 535 | 411 | 202 | 0 | 328 | 3083 | 248 | 5893 | 219 | 0 | 40 | 330 | 0 | 146 | 19382 | 65000 |
| 2000 | 1421 | 39573 | 1677 | 1085 | 1502 | 0 | 1225 | 3693 | 1301 | 11585 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 198 | 0 | 1473 | 7121 | 74132 |
| 2001 | 1356 | 34767 | 1706 | 969 | 1564 | 0 | 1358 | 4125 | 1363 | 10759 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 600 | 0 | 1349 | 6251 | 68400 |
| 2002 | 1098 | 29703 | 998 | 925 | 1180 | 0 | 1124 | 4170 | 1233 | 8943 | 2 | 743 | 11 | 731 | 1117 | 1193 | 5229 | 58400 |
| 2003 | 19 | 30054 | 2124 | 1041 | 81 | 0 | 44 | 15193 | 50 | 13548 | 5 | 42 | 32 | 806 | 19 | 22 | 1935 | 65015 |
| 2004 | 114 | 26882 | 3192 | 3926 | 249 | 0 | 273 | 15012 | 277 | 9646 | 33 | 235 | 0 | 1308 | 129 | 166 | 2330 | 63772 |
| 2005 | 196 | 17364 | 2907 | 3053 | 150 | 0 | 166 | 5084 | 194 | 7272 | 19 | 164 | 9 | 1232 | 75 | 147 | 1825 | 39857 |
| Mean | 544.5 | 32775.6 | 1318.1 | 1306.1 | 637.6 | 0.0 | 509.3 | 4925.4 | 544.6 | 7420.4 | 171.5 | 930.0 | 25.5 | 1082.3 | 140.5 | 517.1 | 8775.7 | 62549.1 |
| 2006 | 77 | 17547 | 1631 | 2349 | 257 | 0 | 202 | 1838 | 116 | 9597 | 20 | 366 | 75 | 4249 | 101 | 172 | 2596 | 41193 |
| 2007 | 100 | 20539 | 1029 | 1671 | 283 | 0 | 251 | 2130 | 159 | 5445 | 10 | 215 | 25 | 2270 | 126 | 296 | 2234 | 36783 |
| 2008 | 127 | 25557 | 1891 | 2560 | 12 | 122 | 265 | 3175 | 242 | 5689 | 0 | 268 | 0 | 1946 | 216 | 248 | 4139 | 46457 |
| 2009 | 147 | 18818 | 4016 | 2761 | 21 | 157 | 158 | 4709 | 160 | 8643 | 0 | 282 | 0 | 3373 | 206 | 307 | 4265 | 48023 |
| 2010 | 126 | 33545 | 515 | 501 | 66 | 77 | 276 | 10062 | 242 | 11202 | 0 | 266 | 0 | 489 | 222 | 242 | 2884 | 61075 |
| 2011 | 110 | 32076 | 396 | 512 | 30 | 61 | 177 | 10282 | 155 | 12347 | 0 | 220 | 0 | 486 | 116 | 170 | 2641 | 59779 |
| 2012 | 41 | 26805 | 198 | 195 | 20 | 63 | 85 | 15476 | 16 | 16513 | 0 | 266 | 9 | 305 | 68 | 99 | 2140 | 62272 |
| 2013 | 0 | 31380 | 77 | 195 | 44 | 22 | 16 | 25317 | 0 | 21926 | 0 | 136 | 2 | 222 | 4 | 65 | 1959 | 81365 |
| 2014 | 0 | 23347 | 50 | 145 | 15 | 55 | 5 | 15237 | 0 | 13544 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 360 | 0 | 85 | 2044 | 55022 |
| 2015 | 0 | 22438 | 70 | 160 | 60 | 10 | 5 | 14867 | 0 | 9671 | 0 | 189 | 0 | 705 | 0 | 90 | 19767 | 50034 |
| 2016 | 0 | 19096 | 54 | 126 | 9 | 51 | 0 | 11353 | 0 | 8790 | 0 | 224 | 140 | 494 | 0 | 135 | 1833 | 42305 |
| Mean | 66.2 | 24649.8 | 902.5 | 1015.9 | 74.3 | 56.2 | 130.9 | 10404.2 | 99.1 | 11215.2 | 2.7 | 233.4 | 22.8 | 1354.5 | 96.3 | 173.5 | 4227.5 | 53118.9 |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { General } \\ \text { mean } \end{gathered}$ | 315.8 | 28889.4 | 1119.3 | 1167 | 368 | 26.9 | 328.3 | 7545.7 | 331.5 | 9235.3 | 90.8 | 596.8 | 24.2 | 1212.4 | 119.4 | 352.8 | 6600.5 | 58039 |
| \% | 0.5 | 49.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.05 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 0.6 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 11.4 | 100 |

Source:
The Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Bulletin of Fish Production, Issues 1995-2016.
Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Fish Production Statistics, Issue 1995-2016.

## Relative importance of main fish species

Data in table (1) and figure (2) indicate that the average tilapia production estimated as 29 thousand MT ( $49 \%$ of total fish production of the lake), followed by 11.2 thousand MT of catfish ( $15.9 \%$ ), 7.5 thousand MT of mullets ( $12.1 \%$ ) during the period from 1995 to 2016 (Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, 1995 2016). Therefore, it was found that the double log model (equation 1) was the best fit. The model estimated the relationship between fish production from Lake Manzala as the dependent variable ( y ) and production from different fish species as the independent variables; including tilapia ( $\mathrm{x}_{1}$ ), catfish ( $\mathrm{x}_{2}$ ), mullets ( $\mathrm{x}_{3}$ ), grass carp ( $\mathrm{x}_{4}$ ), shrimp ( $\mathrm{x}_{5}$ ), bagrus ( $\mathrm{x}_{6}$ ), eels ( $\mathrm{x}_{7}$ ), Seabass ( $\mathrm{x}_{8}$ ), crabs ( $\mathrm{x}_{9}$ ), silversides ( $\mathrm{x}_{10}$ ), seabream $\left(\mathrm{x}_{11}\right)$, meagre ( $\mathrm{x}_{12}$ ), and daffas ( $\mathrm{x}_{13}$ ). It is clear from the estimated model that $10 \%$ change in tilapia production ( $\mathrm{x}_{2}$ ) led to $78 \%$ in total production of lake, $10 \%$ change in catfish led to change in total production estimate by $17 \%$ of total lake and about $93 \%$ of annual production led to changes in fish species according to $\mathrm{R}^{2}$, the model proved significant at a level higher than 0.005 .


Fig. 2: Relative importance of main fish species produced from Lake Manzala over the Period 19952016.

Source:

- The Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Bulletin of Fish Production, Issues 1995-2016.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Fish Production Statistics, Issue 1995-2016.


## Relative importance of production regions in Lake Manzala

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (2014) divided the fish production regions into three regions;

Dakahlia Governorate (Nasaymah, Shoboul, Mataria, Gamalia and Azezia; with Mataria region as the source of data recorded by GAFRD, (2016), Damietta Governorate (comprises Shata, Ghait Al-Nasara, Ezbet El Borg, El Sayala, Raswet El Basarta and Raswet El Rawda; with Ghait El-Nasara and Port Said Governorate (ElGaboty, which is a production assembly region). Table (2) presents the relative importance of fish production regions for Lake Manzala during the period 1995-2016.

Data also revealed that Mataria recorded 76.6 thousand tons of total fish production for Manzala with average estimated by 44.3 thousand tons during the period 1995 - 2016, followed by $10.3 \%$ of total fish with average 5.9 thousand tons, $7.4 \%$ Ghait Al-Nasara with average 4.2 thousand tons and $5.7 \%$ Gamalia with average 10.8 thousand tons. It is worth mention that fish production is mainly concentrated in Mataria (56\%) and Gamalia (30\%). Percent of fishermen represents
$91 \%$ of total fishermen. This indicates the effect of production policies in Dakahlia Governorate to improve and increase fish production from the Lake.

Table 2: Relative importance of fish production regions in Lake Manzala during the period 1995-2016.

| Year | Gaboty <br> (Port <br> Said) | $\%$ | Ghait El- <br> Nasara <br> (Damietta) | $\%$ | Mataria <br> (Dakahlia) | $\%$ | Gammalia <br> Dakahlia) |  | Gross <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 | 984 | 1.7 | 10825 | 88.6 | 47790 | 80.2 | -- | - | 59600 |
| 1996 | 1053 | 2.0 | 3956 | 7.5 | 47499 | 90.5 | - | - | 52505 |
| 1997 | 1140 | 1.8 | 4971 | 7.9 | 56987 | 90.3 | - | - | 93098 |
| 1998 | 1197 | 1.5 | 5700 | 7.3 | 71364 | 91.2 | - | - | 78261 |
| 1999 | 1200 | 1.8 | 3800 | 5.8 | 60000 | 92.3 | - | - | 65000 |
| 2000 | 1271 | 1.7 | 4337 | 5.9 | 68424 | 92.3 | - | - | 74132 |
| 2001 | 2145 | 3.1 | 6239 | 9.1 | 60016 | 87.7 | - | - | 68400 |
| 2002 | 1100 | 1.9 | 5800 | 9.9 | 51500 | 88.2 | - | - | 58400 |
| 2003 | 1114 | 1.7 | 2901 | 4.5 | 61100 | 94.0 | - | - | 65015 |
| 2004 | 2118 | 3.3 | 4747 | 7.4 | 56907 | 89.2 | - | - | 63772 |
| 2005 | 2379 | 6.0 | 3037 | 7.6 | 34441 | 86.4 | - | - | 39857 |
| Average | 1427.4 | 2.3 | 5119.4 | 8.2 | 56002.5 | 89.5 | - | - | 62549.1 |
| 2006 | 5625 | 13.7 | 2896 | 7.0 | 32672 | 79.3 | - | - | 41193 |
| 2007 | 8783 | 23.9 | 3000 | 8.2 | 25000 | 68.0 | - | - | 36783 |
| 2008 | 8787 | 18.9 | 4140 | 8.9 | 33530 | 72.2 | - | - | 46457 |
| 2009 | 9939 | 20.7 | 3984 | 8.3 | 34100 | 71.0 | - | - | 48023 |
| 2010 | 13554 | 22.2 | 4271 | 7.0 | 43250 | 70.8 | 16449 | 26.9 | 61075 |
| 2011 | 11090 | 18.6 | 3879 | 6.5 | 26801 | 44.8 | 14373 | 24.0 | 59779 |
| 2012 | 10088 | 16.2 | 4307 | 6.9 | 25617 | 41.1 | 13160 | 21.1 | 62272 |
| 2013 | 10654 | 13.1 | 2845 | 3.5 | 55115 | 67.7 | 12751 | 15.7 | 81365 |
| 2014 | 11880 | 21.6 | 2460 | 4.5 | 33593 | 61.1 | 7089 | 12.9 | 55022 |
| 2015 | 12305 | 24.6 | 3011 | 6.0 | 27756 | 55.5 | 9692 | 13.9 | 50034 |
| 2016 | 12880 | 30.4 | 2725 | 6.4 | 21700 | 51.3 | 5000 | 11.8 | 4230 |
| Average | 1.5 .7 .7 | 18.4 | 3410.7 | 6 | 32648.5 | 57.1 | 10826.3 | 8.7 | 57181.5 |
| Gross |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Period's | 5967.5 | 11.4 | 4265.0 | 7.5 | 44325.5 | 75.7 | 10826.3 | 18.1 | 57834.0 |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\%$ | 10.3 |  | 7.4 |  | 76.6 |  | 5.7 |  | 100 |

Source:

- The Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Bulletin of Fish Production, Issues 1995-2014.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Fish Production Statistics, Issue 1995-2014.


## Impact of fishing effort, labor and unit area on fish production from Lake Manzala

Fishing gears and methods used in Lake Manzala include trammel net, hook, bamboo, wire-basket trap (Gobia) and surrounding nets, in addition to illegal methods. The average productivity per fishing boats and fisherman working in Lake Manzala during the period 1995-2016 are presented in Table (3).

It was found there are variations and fluctuation in production efficiency and productivity of fishing unit (CAPMAS, 1995 - 2016). Average productivity ranged between a minimum level of 7.3 tons per boat in 1996 and a maximum level of 51.5 tons per boat (the annual mean was estimated by 22.4 tons/boat during 2013. On the other hand, average production efficiency fluctuated from 17.1 tons during the period $1995-2005$ and increased to record 27.6 as a mean during the period $2006-2016$.

Statistically, data revealed that an annual increase in productivity per boat estimated by 1.14 tons, with a rate of change estimated by $6 \%$ during the study period of 1995-2016 based on applying linear regression analysis (equation 2) to average productivity per boat.

Table 3: Average productivity per fishing boats and fisherman working in Lake Manzala during the period 1995-2016.
(Production in tons; number of boats and fishermen)

| Year | No. <br> Boats | Productivity <br> (ton/boat) | No. <br> Fishermen | Productivity <br> (ton/fisherman) | Production <br> $($ tons) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 | 3838 | 15.5 | 1154 | 51.7 | 59600 |
| 1996 | 7171 | 7.3 | 28684 | 1.8 | 52505 |
| 1997 | 2783 | 22.7 | 8349 | 7.6 | 63098 |
| 1998 | 5999 | 13.1 | 9742 | 8.0 | 78261 |
| 1999 | 3109 | 20.9 | 5304 | 12.3 | 65000 |
| 2000 | 5477 | 13.5 | 4163 | 17.8 | 74132 |
| 2001 | 3260 | 21.0 | 6815 | 10.0 | 68400 |
| 2002 | 2377 | 24.6 | 3367 | 17.3 | 58400 |
| 2003 | 4376 | 14.9 | 3155 | 20.6 | 65015 |
| 2004 | 3033 | 21.0 | 2657 | 24.0 | 63772 |
| 2005 | 3013 | 13.2 | 2292 | 17.4 | 39857 |
| Period's Average | 4039.6 | 17.1 | 6880.2 | 17.1 | 62549.1 |
| 2006 | 2469 | 16.7 | 1551 | 26.6 | 41193 |
| 2007 | 2288 | 16.1 | 1671 | 22.0 | 36783 |
| 2008 | 2509 | 18.5 | 2143 | 21.7 | 46457 |
| 2009 | 2600 | 18.5 | 1557 | 30.8 | 48023 |
| 2010 | 2370 | 25.8 | 1076 | 56.8 | 61075 |
| 2011 | 1969 | 30.4 | 1346 | 44.4 | 59779 |
| 2012 | 1877 | 33.2 | 388 | 160.5 | 62272 |
| 2013 | 1581 | 51.5 | 300 | 271.2 | 81365 |
| 2014 | 1642 | 33.5 | 356 | 154.6 | 55022 |
| 2015 | 1686 | 29.7 | 1868 | 26.8 | 50034 |
| 2016 | 1395 | 30.3 | 1035 | 40.9 | 42305 |
| Period's Average | 2035.1 | 27.6 | 1208.3 | 77.8 | 53118.9 |
| Gross Period's Average | 3037.4 | 22.4 | 4044.2 | 47.5 | 57834.0 |

Source:

- The Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Bulletin of Fish Production, Issues 1995-2014.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Fish Production Statistics, Issue 1995-2016.

Also, the production efficiency of fishermen varied, where the fish produced by fisherman ranged between a minimum of 1.8 ton in 1996 and a maximum of 271.2 tons in 2013 and then progressed to 77.8 tons as a mean during the period 2006 2016. Such increases did not reflect an increase in fishing effort; rather, it is a reflection of several production policies, where the number of fishing boats is not proportionate to fishermen and productivity inside and outside the lake. Accordingly, the number of licensed boats reflects an unrealistic situation, where mechanical boats usually need two or more persons to accomplish various operations, indicating increased number of unlicensed fishermen in such fishing areas.

Results of applying linear regression to productivity per fisherman (equation 3) revealed that there was an increasing trend estimated at 7.5 tons perlyear, with a rate of change estimated at $54 \%$ during the study period. And despite using relatively modern methods in fishing operations, as well as directing more investments to improve fish production, the average productivity was slightly increased from 313.7 to 384.6 kilograms between the period 1995 and 2016.

## Main constraints affecting fish production from Lake Manzala

Table (4) demonstrates the change of Lake Manzala's area over the Period 1800-2014. Drying, security keeping issues, encroachments on the Lake's surface and overfishing are considered the main problems affecting fish production from Lake Manzala. The policy of drying for plant production and urban expansion purposes led to lack of water flow into the Lake. Total area of the lake declined to a low of 110 thousand acres, which is less than $25 \%$ of its original area, leading to reduced fish stock and higher fishing effort per unit area. Drying for plant production occurred in parts of Ismayliya, Sharkia, Port Said, and Damietta. Drying for urban expansion occurred in Port Said by Dameitta-Port Said road and the new ring road. Drying due to lack of water flow into the lake (El-Mezayn, 2018), whereas drying due to sedimentation of straits, growing weeds and aquatic plants to grow and isolation from the Lake in the western and south east regions of the Lake. In addition to drying due to encroachments on the water surface of the lake by deducting parts for fish farming activities as occurred in some parts of Dameitta, Port Said, Sahrkia and Dakahlia(Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, 2014). Therefore, total areas targeted for drying in the five-year plan 1992-1997 include: 4500 acres in South Port Said; 21200 acres in Om El-Rish; 30000 acres in Sahl El-Huseinia; 8000 acres in Mataria-El-Salam; 3500 acres in El-Adawi; in addition to 200 thousand acres on ElSalam Canalfor the purpose of expansion in agricultural land, and 1000 acres outside Port Said city for establishing drainage stations.

Table 4: Change of Lake Manzala's Area over the Period 1800-2014
(In 1000 Acres)

| Year | 1800 | 1889 | 1912 | 1956 | 1982 | 1987 | 1994 | $2000^{*}$ | $2004^{*}$ | $2011^{* *}$ | 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area | 750 | 490 | 410 | 326.8 | 280 | 190 | 191 | 190 | 130 | 116 | 110 |

Source:

* The General Authority for Fish Resources Development, Fish Farms Administration, Cairo, 2004.
** Ministry of Water Resources, Main Information Center, Administration of Digital Maps and Remote Sensing, Estimation of Fish Farms' Area using Remote Sensing Technology.

Concerning pollution, Lake Manzala was subjected to pollution from several sources, including untreated wastewater. Bahr El-Baqar is pouring around 1.5 million cubic meters per day in Lake Manzala, as well as Moheb and Sayala drains in Damietta, and sanitary drainage in El-Hisha and Khiyata region at Damietta. Besides, untreated industrial wastewater comes from factories in the industrial zone; south Port Said, in addition to oil and gas companies located at north the lake. Pollution caused by agricultural drainage loaded with pesticides comes from several drains, including El-Serw, Hados, Ramses and Bahr El-Baqar. Total quantities drained were estimated about 7500 million cubic meters per year (EEAA, 2017). Several studies have been revealed that accumulation of heavy metals in the water, tissues and muscles of catfish and mullet, caused histological changes in fishes' liver and kidney tissues, in addition to algae, with different concentrations of iron, manganese, zinc, copper and cadmium (GAFRD Strategy, 2012). Security keeping problems; criminal zones are concentrated in fish fries catching and smuggling. Some fishermen depend on such illegal practices by using high-speed motors and semi-transport vehicles equipped with appropriate tools. Such illegal trade is spread as a result of the wide spread of fish farms inside Governorates overlooking at the Lake which it comprises around more than 40 islands, more than six hundred places inside the lake surrounded with a fence and a lot of random houses scattered along the lake. Illegal fishing practices include illegal fishing gears, pesticides, electricity and gas and enclosures,

Tara (surrounding nets), Qerba and Laffa nets. Surrounding net is considered a destructive method, where it requires huge amounts of aquatic plants in different parts of the Lake, causing the Lake to become almost covered with plants that obstruct water movement, fishing and sailing. On the other hand, the Nasha (a type of trammel net) is the best fishing gear, where it allows small fish to escape back to water. Migration birds; sea crow, Heron, seagulls, swans, etc., are another problem, where they start migration to Egypt at the end of November (fries season for some fishes) and risk increased as they feed on fish fries. Automatic and river transport boats are widely spread and transport passengers and animals between Port Said and Mataria. Random planning led to lack of coordination with the concerned authorities resulted in negative impacts; preventing fish fries from entering the Lake. Such practices resulted in increased freshness of water in the southern part, led to the spread of bamboo and water hyacinth, and consequently deducting parts of the lake, water corruption, and fish migration.

## Available means for Lake Manzala devolopment

Fifth plans for economic development aim to increase fish production from Lake Manzala (El-Mallah, 2001). Such objective cannot be achieved without coordination between concerned Agencies and Organizations and activate the fish guidelines sector to overcome the previous mentioned constraints. Generally, some suggested solutions to avoid these constraints can be summarized in the following items based on this study:

- Drying problem can be resolved by defining contour points of some of the canals around and inside the lake with different level and gates to allow controlling the level of water flow beside straits or drains to grow and reproduce of fish and protection during its incubation.
- The problem of pollution can be resolved by establishing large filtration basins at the terminals of Bahr El-Baqar and Hados drains to cleaning the discharge and remove solid matter which can be used as fertilizers for sandy soils.
- The problem of overfishing and illegal fishing can be resolved by managing enclosures and dams inside the lake, activating the laws regarding illegal fishing and raising fishermen's awareness.
- Aquatic plants problem can be resolved by breading some animals that fed on aquatic plants and processing such plants for feedstuffs, despite they are places for fish breeding and incubation of fries and small fishes and also they help in improving the water quality especially during the winter.
- Sedimentation of straits can be resolved by establishing bumpers and cleaning using the drills.
- Shortage in funds for fishing activities can be resolved by supply of fish catch to cooperative societies. Fishermen who do not abide to such rule can be punished by confiscation of license and also help in accurate and monitoring of catching.
- Migration of fishermen can be resolved by establishing a support fund for fishermen and their families.
- Inaccuracy of fish statistics can be resolved by revisiting the concepts and methods used in data collecting of fisheries and fishing effort, with special focus on the socio-economic characteristics of fishermen.
- Random planning, it is important to review the laws, legislations and procedures related to water bodies in order to identify deficiencies to avoid them, in addition to providing protection and encouragement for fishing activities.


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