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1. Introduction

WorldFish has developed an Electronic Pond Book in the form of a Microsoft Excel workbook. The primary purpose of the Electronic Pond Book is to capture data relating to the management of all ponds used in the Carp Genetic Improvement Program (CGIP) in a single repository accessible by multiple users. Furthermore, it allows the tracking of fish movements and water movement among ponds. For each pond a current feed, fertiliser and treatments regime must be specified. Data entry errors are minimised through the specification of click down lists for many inputs.

Outputs include estimates of fish weight by pond and species, estimates of feed, fertiliser and treatments required in coming days and summaries of water chemistry, Secchi disc measurements, water depth, feed inputs, fertiliser inputs, water/pond treatments, weight of randomly sampled fish and mortalities by pond over time.

On a daily basis, an appointed member of the CGIP team will ensure that data has been inputted appropriately into the CGIP pond sheet workbook and the file saved to a folder accessible by all relevant local and remote users.

2. Pond sheets

For each CGIP pond there is a sheet in the workbook. These sheets capture data inputs for water chemistry (pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature and ammonia) and other characteristics (Secchi disc measurement and water depth), feed inputs, fertiliser inputs, water/pond treatments, weight of randomly sampled fish and mortalities (on worksheet per pond). The names of these sheets correspond to ponds listed in the PONDS worksheet (Section 5).

Each pond sheet contains one row for each day in a year (Figure 1) and an additional row at the beginning of the year to capture data from the most recent random weight measurement. Not all cells need to be filled for each day. The data entered on any given day will be determined by the relevant Standard Operating Procedure, the current feed, fertiliser and treatment regime and the frequency of mortality events.

In addition to cells for inputs, at the top of each pond sheet feed, fertiliser and treatment recommendations are shown. These are derived from current feed, fertiliser and treatment regimes (Section 5), pond size (Section 6) and the most recent fish weight measurements.

		FEED 1	FEED 2	FEED 3
TYPE		Mega Pre Starter		
FREQUENCY (Days)		2		
AMOUNT PER APPLICATION (g)		1039.1		
PREVIOUS APPLICATION				
NEXT APPLICATION		Today		

		SECCHI DISC				FEED						
DATE	AMMONIA AFTERNOON (mg/l)	REMARKS	TIME	SECCHI DISC (cm)	WATER DEPTH (cm)	REMARKS	FEED 1 TYPE	FEED 1 WEIGHT (g)	FEED 2 TYPE	FEED 2 WEIGHT (g)	FEED 3 TYPE	FEED 3 WEIGHT (g)
			0:00	(cm)	(cm)			(g)		(g)		
5-Jan-20												
6-Jan-20												
7-Jan-20												
8-Jan-20												
9-Jan-20												
10-Jan-20												
11-Jan-20												
12-Jan-20												

Figure 1. Part of the TAL_01 pond sheet.

4. Specifying feed, fertiliser and treatment regimes

For each pond, the current feed, fertiliser and treatments regimes must be entered into the 'FEED FERT TREAT REGIME' worksheet (Figure 4). Up to 3 different feeds, fertilisers and treatments can be specified for each pond.

1	FEED									
2	POND	FEED 1 TYPE	FEED 1 RATE (% of body weight / day)	FEED 1 FREQUENCY (Days)	FEED 2 TYPE	FEED 2 RATE (% of body weight / day)	FEED 2 FREQUENCY (Days)	FEED 3 TYPE	FEED 3 RATE (% of body weight / day)	FEED 3 FREQUENCY (Days)
3										
4	MAG_01									
5	MAG_02									
6	MUK_01	Mega Carp Grower	0.5	1						
7	MUK_02	Mega Carp Grower	0.5	1						
8	TAL_01	Mega Pre Starter	0.5	2						
9	TAL_02	Mega Pre Starter	0.5	2						
10	TAL_03	Mega Pre Starter	1.5	2						
11	TAL_04	Mega Pre Starter	1.5	2						
12	TAL_05	Mega Carp Grower	0.5	2						
13	TAL_06	Mega Nursery Powder	3	2						
14	TAL_07	Mega Pre Starter	1.5	3						
15	TAL_08	Mega Pre Starter	1.5	3						
16	TAL_09									
17	TAL_10									
18	TAL_11									
19	TAL_12	Mega Nursery Powder	0.15	2						
20	TAL_13	Mega Pre Starter	1.5	3						
21	TAL_14									
22	TAL_15	Mega Nursery Powder	0.15	2						
23	TAL_16									
24	TAL_17	Mega Nursery Powder	0.15	2						
25	TAL_18									

Figure 4. Feed fields in the FEED FERT TREAT REGIME worksheet

5. Minimising data entry errors

Additional worksheet (coloured yellow) provide options for click down lists in input worksheets (Sections 3 to 5). The use of click down lists in input sheets minimises errors, such as typos, and ensures that legitimate data is entered. These worksheet are coloured yellow and are entitled, 'SPECIES', (Figure 5) 'PONDS' (Figure 6), 'FEED TYPES' (Figure 7), 'FERT TYPES' (Figure 8), 'TREATMENT TYPES' (Figure 9) and 'CAUSES OF DEATH' (Figure 10). The content of these tabs should only be altered by an appointed member of the CGIP team. They should not be altered routinely and once a row has been added it should not be changed in any one year – additional rows should be added instead. These worksheets should be 'protected' and may be hidden from view to ensure they are not altered inappropriately.

SPECIES	SPECIES_LATIN	SPECIES_COMMON
CC	Catla catla	Catla
HM	Hypophthalmichthys molitrix	Silver carp
LR	Labeo rohita	Rohu
CI	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp
MP	Mylopharyngodon piceus	Black carp
CH	Chitala chitala	Chital
BG	Barbonymus gonionotus	Raj puti

Figure 5. Fields in the SPECIES worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	NAME_SITE	SITE	POND	AREA_POND	LAT_POND	LONG_POND	NOTE_POND						
41			BORE				Not a pond. For water exchange input - bore water						
42			MAG_01	13									
43			MAG_02	30									
44			MUK_01	84									
45			MUK_02	27									
46			TAL_01	35									
47			TAL_02	36									
48			TAL_03	42									
49			TAL_04	39									
50			TAL_05	39									
51			TAL_06	402									
52			TAL_07	51									
53			TAL_08	32									
54			TAL_09	126									
55			TAL_10	22									
56			TAL_11	56									
57			TAL_12	22									
58			TAL_13	56									
59			TAL_14	47									
60			TAL_15	58									
61			TAL_16	33									
62			TAL_17	44									

Figure 6. Fields in the PONDS worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	FEED_TYPE	PROTEIN (%)	CARBOHYDRATE (%)	FAT (%)	ASH (%)	MOISTURE (%)	REMARKS									
2	Mega Nursery Powder	35 (min)	31 (max)	6 (min)	16 (max)	12 (max)										
3	Mega Pre Starter	33 (min)	30 (max)	8 (min)	18 (max)	12 (max)										
4	Mega Carp Grower	23 (min)	40 (max)	3 (min)	22 (max)	12 (max)										
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Figure 7. Fields in the FEED TYPES worksheet.

FERTILISER_TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Urea	Urea
TSP	Triple Super Phosphate
MOC	Mixed Oilseed Cake

Figure 8. Fields in the FERT TYPES worksheet.

TREATMENT_TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Lime	Calcium carbonate
Timsen	n-alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride
Acimec	Ivermectin BP
Salt	Sodium chloride

Figure 9. Fields in the TREATMENT TYPES worksheet.

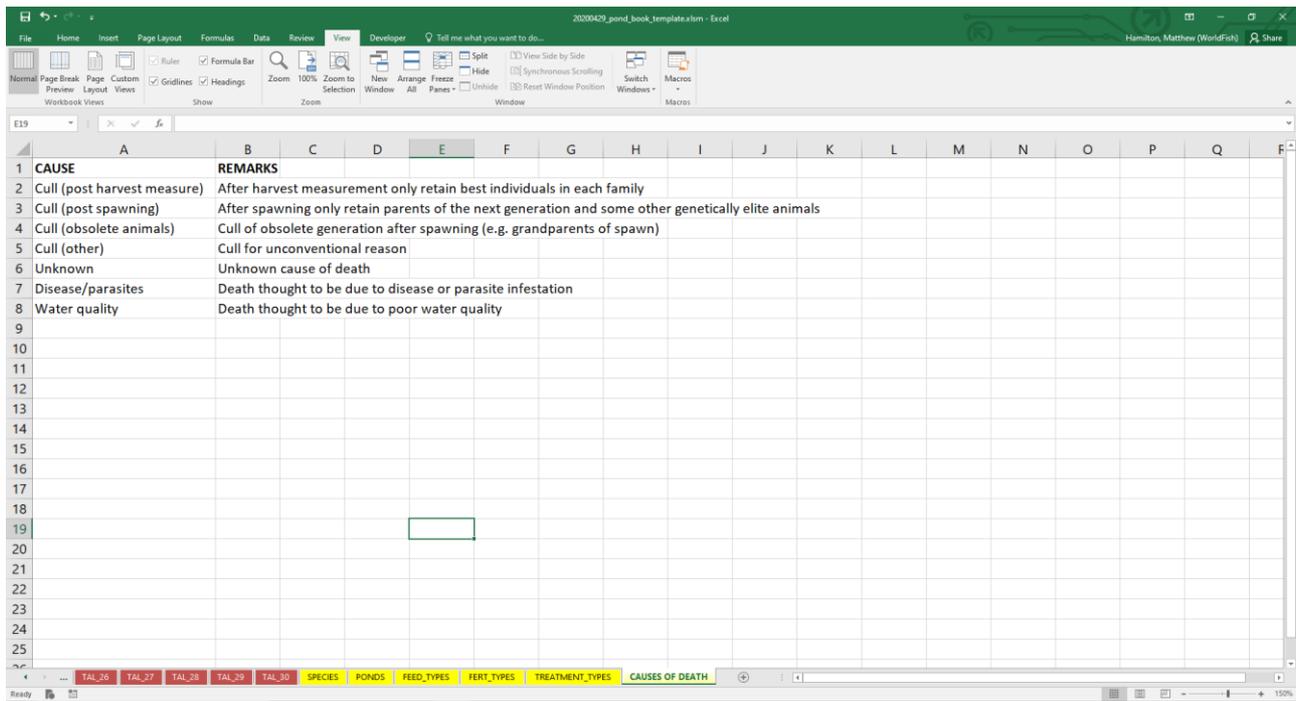


Figure 10. Fields in the CAUSE OF DEATH worksheet

6. Outputs

Outputs include estimates of fish weight by pond and species, estimates of feed, fertiliser and treatments required in coming days ('FEED FERT TREAT SUMMARY' worksheet; Figure 11) and summaries of water chemistry, Secchi disc measurements and water depth, feed inputs, fertiliser inputs, water/pond treatments, weight of randomly sampled fish and mortalities by pond over time (POND SUMMARY' worksheet; Figure 12). Output worksheets have blue tabs. The only cells in the worksheets that may be changed by the user are highlighted in red. Note that to allow plots to refresh it is necessary to 'Trust access to the VBA project object model' (Figure 13) and enable macros when the file is opened.

There is an additional DATA TO PLOT worksheet that is hidden from users. It contains intermediate computations required to generate the plots in the POND SUMMARY worksheet.

POND	POND AREA (Decimal)	TOTAL COUNT	DATE WEIGHED RANGE (Earliest) (Latest)	TOTAL WEIGHT (kg)	FEED 1 TYPE	FEED 1 FREQUENCY (Days)	FEED 1 AMOUNT PER APPLICATION (g)	FEED 1 PREVIOUS APPLICATION	FEED 1 NEXT APPLICATION	FEED 2 TYPE
MAG_01	13									
MAG_02	30									
MUK_01	84	838	16-May-20	607.133	Mega Carp Grower	1	510.0		Today	
MUK_02	27	54	16-May-19	48.252	Mega Carp Grower	1	13.0		Today	
TAL_01	35	1702	14-Oct-19	742.233	Mega Pre Starter	2	1039.1		Today	
TAL_02	36	1622	14-Oct-19	818.996	Mega Pre Starter	2	1179.4		Today	
TAL_03	42	328	22-Mar-20	152.33	Mega Pre Starter	2	255.9		Today	
TAL_04	39	410	22-Mar-20	196.16	Mega Pre Starter	2	306.0		Today	
TAL_05	39	380	3-Mar-20	1373.851	Mega Carp Grower	2	2143.2		Today	
TAL_06	402	3271	3-Mar-20	5488.368	Mega Nursery Powder	2	88253.0		Today	
TAL_07	51	329	25-Mar-20	214.39	Mega Pre Starter	3	984.1		Today	
TAL_08	32	253	25-Mar-20	191.537	Mega Pre Starter	3	551.6		Today	
TAL_09	126	55	5-Mar-20							
TAL_10	22									

Figure 11. Some fields in the FEED FERT TREAT SUMMARY worksheet

SPECIES	COUNT	FISH PER DECIMAL	DATE WEIGHED	MEAN WEIGHT (g)	TOTAL WEIGHT (kg)	KG PER DECIMAL	COUNT WEIGHED
Catla	844	24.11	14-Oct-19	394	332.54	9.50	86
Silver carp	833	23.80	14-Oct-19	409	340.70	9.73	78
Rohu							
Grass carp	7	0.20	14-Oct-19	4800	33.60	0.96	2
Black carp	8	0.23	14-Oct-19	3900	31.20	0.89	1
Chital	3	0.09					
Rajputi	7	0.20	14-Oct-19	600	4.20	0.12	2

pH

DATE

Jan 2020

2020

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Average of pH MORNING Average of pH

1.2

1

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

1/1/2020 3/1/2020 5/1/2020 7/1/2020 9/1/2020 11/1/2020 13/1/2020

Figure 12. Some fields in the POND SUMMARY worksheet

Change macro settings in the Trust Center

Macro settings are located in the Trust Center. However, if you work in an organization, the system administrator might have changed the default settings to prevent anyone from changing settings.

Important: When you change your macro settings in the Trust Center, they are changed only for the Office program that you are currently using. The macro settings are not changed for all your Office programs.

1. Click the **File** tab.
2. Click **Options**.
3. Click **Trust Center**, and then click **Trust Center Settings**.
4. In the **Trust Center**, click **Macro Settings**.
5. Make the selections that you want.
6. Click **OK**.

The following image is the **Macro Settings** area of the Trust Center.



Figure 13. Procedure to access the check box to that states 'Trust access to the VBA project object model'

7. Changing access privileges

The Electronic Pond Book should be saved to a folder accessible to all members of the Carp Genetic Improvement Team. Different users of the Electronic Pond Book can be assigned different access privileges (full, read or read-write). Full access privileges are held by the Carp Genetic Improvement Program Geneticist and Platform Manager only. They are able to change the access privileges of others by clicking on File ⇨ Info ⇨ Protect Workbook ⇨ Restrict Access ⇨ Restricted Access (Figure 14).

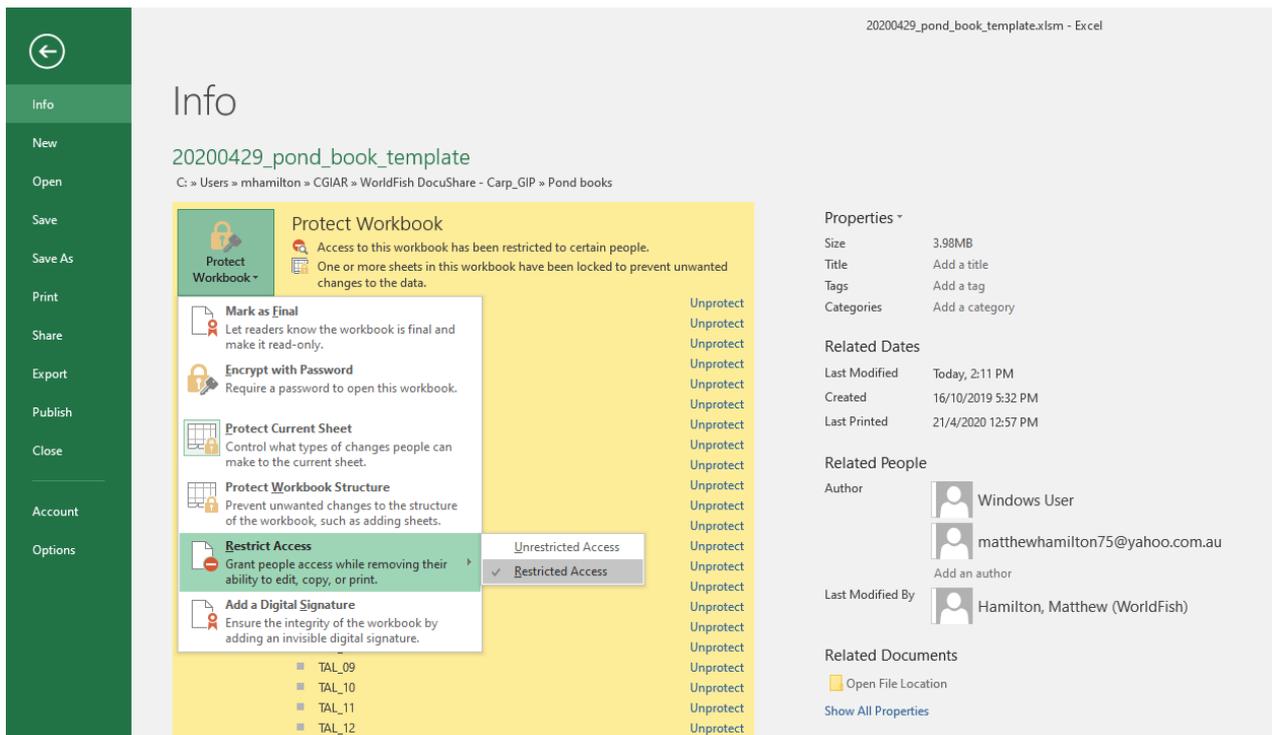


Figure 14. How to change access privileges

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