

## Fish stocks down to shocking levels

Establishment and management of lablab for feeding dairy cows



**Nutritive value of lablab**  
The protein content of lablab is 14-19%. The dry matter yield is about 10.9 tons per hectare at flowering stage, about 110 days after germination of the seeds, which is slightly above average when compared to many forage legumes.

Lablab has more protein than grasses, however, the protein content decreases with maturity of the plants.

**Lablab as a livestock feed**  
Lablab can be introduced as forage, hay or silage. Lablab has the potential of alleviating nutrient deficiencies in poor quality diets especially during the dry season.

Fresh lablab forage should not be fed to milking animals within at least two hours before milking time. Wilting or drying lablab forage before offering it to the cows helps to avoid "off flavour" in the milk.

Lablab can be mixed with Napier grass to feed dairy animals

This information is partly drawn from expertise from the project on "Crop-livestock integrative sustainable management of natural resource and building livelihoods resilience in Eastern Central Africa" of the Livestock and Fisher Programme of ASARECA

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Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI) has warned of a serious decline in fish in the country's water bodies caused by excessive and illegal exploitation of the resource.

The warning was sounded by TAFIRI researcher Mary Kishe in Dar es Salaam when speaking to The Guardian in an exclusive interview shortly after the just ended consultative workshop on Food Price Trend Analysis: Implication to Food Security in Tanzania, organized by Association of Strengthening Agriculture Research for Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA).

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