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The Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) introduced from Thailand in 1972 is now the second most important cultured food fish in the country (next to the native milkfish) and the most important food fish caught in our inland waters. It contributed more than 300,000 metric tons to our total fish production with a value of about 22 billion pesos in 2012. *[Photo courtesy of Dr. Raffy Guerreo III]*

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