

Abagold Employees Earn Qualifications Galore

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Abagold has been a forerunner in the AgriSeta training system and is one of the first farms that has managed to put its workers in the system and has now also been the first farm where accredited training has taken place.



The group of Abagold employees who recently received their certificates.

After its investigation into the training needs of the Aquaculture Sector in 2007, the Aquaculture Institute of South Africa (AISA) initiated its Skills development and Training Program (STP) in 2008 which aims to provide training that ensures continuity from short course level to college level to university level.

On the short course level AISA worked in collaboration with the WWF and the University of Stellenbosch's Aquaculture Division to develop a short course manual that aims to train interested parties in the sector with "Responsible Aquaculture Technical Training Skills".

Other than the Aquaculture short course, AISA also collaborates with the Ethics and Leadership Institute (ELI) to train Life Skills and Basic Business Skills.



Christo Lategan - ELI

Over the last year AISA assisted Media-Works to incorporating most of the Aquaculture farms into the AgriSETA system. The AgriSETA system consists of ABET levels and NQF levels.



Carline Knoetze - Media Works

Until recently no organization was able to provide accredited training to ensure continuation from the ABET to the NQF levels.

Similar to many of AISA's other projects and programs, AISA is the first to provide accredited training in South Africa in association with the College of Sustainable Agriculture (CSA). In September 2010, the first accredited training trials were done at the Hermanus Abagold Abalone Farm.



Dr Lizeth Botha - AISA

Arthur Matiwane, an assistant in the Technical department, sat for the IEB numeracy level 4 exam in August and passed with a merit. He is the first learner to pass this exam in the Western Cape since the start of the program under the AgriSETA and Media Works partnership.



Marissa Kok (Agriseta), Arthur Matiwane, Christo du Plessis (MD - Abagold)



Chane de Goede (Abagold Receptionist) with Johan Hugo (Abagold Financial Manager)

Abagold's receptionist, Chane de Goede, attended an Intermediate Microsoft Excel course. Three employees successfully completed their exams for NONEX operator licensing and Nanette Ras, Marketing Assistant, has successfully completed a one year Unisa course in International Marketing.



Christiaan de Wet (Engineering Manager) with Ashley Damons who received his Nonex Certificate



Denis Usher (Development Manager) with his Nonex License