

Section 7

Effect of Fishpond Management on the Littoral Communities. Exploitation of Reed

Fishpond management practices have been evolving for several centuries and have strongly affected the biotic communities in fishponds and along their shores. Some communities may benefit but others become suppressed to such an extent that the presence of certain species populations in fishpond habitats is threatened. Plant communities both integrate and clearly indicate the effects of fishpond management; hence their response receives the most attention. Exploitation of some fishpond reedswamp species, especially of the common reed for the building industry and various crafts, has stimulated studies and practical experiments on the propagation, cultivation and fertilizer treatment of common reed; their results are summarized here.