

Progress in Collaborative Partnerships:  
Mote Marine Laboratory (MML) and CAFS-Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute (YSFRI)

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**ABSTRACT:** Much progress was made in 2013 in this partnership that has teamed MML with YSFRI in pursuit of increased knowledge about marine science and sustainable use of living marine resources. In 2011, after MML scientists were invited by YSFRI to come to Qingdao and to visit the sea-scallop sea ranching operations off of Zhangzidao Island, a Memorandum of Understanding was completed and signed by both organizations. In 2012, after the US-China Living Marine Resources Panel meeting in Shanghai and field trip to Qingdao, YSFRI and MML agreed to place a YSFRI Postdoctoral Research Scientist at MML for 6 months. In August 2013, YSFRI Postdoc, Dr. Qian Ma, arrived at MML from Qingdao to work on a collaboration involving Dr. Ma and scientists at MML, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) on a study of growth heritability in Florida pompano. The collaboration was enhanced by NOAA-Aquaculture provision of funds for Dr. Ma's living expenses, FWRI and MML funds for research and University of South Florida administrative support. In September 2013, MML hosted three YSFRI scientists in Sarasota, Dr. Qingyin Wang, Dr. Songlin Chen and Dr. Shufang Liu, for meetings and visits at MML's main laboratory in Sarasota and at Mote Aquaculture Research Park. Also in 2013, YSFRI and MML submitted a successful joint application for an "International Science and Technology Cooperation Project of China," which will involve an MML scientist in workshops in China to discuss mechanisms for increasing the efficiency of sea ranching and stock enhancement in China.