



IIMSAM Making a Difference by Initiating FAO's 2008 Report on the uses and Benefits of Spirulina:

During the sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly (Second Committee, Agenda item 52), IIMSAM initiated a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/60/L.14/REV.1) on the "Use of Spirulina to combat hunger and malnutrition and help achieve sustainable development" which was submitted by:

Burundi, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Paraguay. (See Attached Resolution.)

As a follow-up on this resolution, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was requested to prepare a draft position on Spirulina.

FAO's report was presented in 2008 and includes the following selected recommendations:

- ❖ There is a need for both national governments and inter-governmental organizations to re-evaluate the potential of Spirulina to fulfill both their own food security needs as well as a tool for their overseas development emergency response efforts*
- ❖ To improve technical and economic solutions to Spirulina production in environmentally impoverished conditions, as well as to prepare tested production packages for rapid deployment in emergency situations.*
- ❖ providing nutritional supplements for use in rural and urban communities where the diet is inadequate; Allowing diversification from traditional crops in cases where land or water resources are limited; as a short- and medium-term solution to emergency situations where a sustainable supply of high protein/high vitamin foodstuff is required. This implies the ability to rapidly install systems in a variety of environments that can be sustained by local communities to cover both the short-term food needs and to supplement longer-term nutritional requirements especially once other forms of food relief cease to be delivered.*
- **Source: FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Circular No. 1034. A review on culture, production and use of Spirulina as food for humans and feeds for domestic animals and fish.**

- **Entire FAO's Report can be downloaded from the IIMSAM**

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