



## **NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Following a meeting between OATA, DEFRA and representatives of the aquatic hobby, an appeal is being made for information which may prove vital in formulating new attitudes – political, businesswise and hobbywise- that will help to bring together the interests of the three main groups who are involved with the aquatic hobby.

Information is everything and OATA have asked the hobby to help them in a census (fish-count?) that will provide an up to date statistical picture of the size of the hobby. It is simply trying to get a 'size' picture of the three main areas of interest – coldwater, tropical marine – in the hobby.

A simple-to-complete Form is available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/fishnumbers>

and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE ASK YOUR SOCIETY'S MEMBERS TO TAKE PART.**

To see what's happening on the legislation front, the following article on the species *Channa* will give some idea of just one of the complex issues our hobby could be facing.

<http://ornamentalfish.org/channa-spotlight-eu-ban/>