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for Animal Health



Launch of the Regional Aquatic Animal Health Network for Southern Africa (RAAHN-SA)

25 – 27 July 2023 Lusaka, Zambia



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Role in Aquatic Health Management

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WAS Vision

The World Aquaculture Society (WAS) is the global leader in aquaculture science, contributing to the growth and development of aquaculture. We serve as a primary facilitator of information exchange, technology transfer, policy development, and communication between all sectors engaged in aquaculture.



Global Membership

Over 3,000 Members



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From over 100 countries

Affiliated Chapters



Asia-Pacific



Korea



Latin America and Caribbean



United States



AFRICA



WAS-AC Establishment



- ✓ **Launched** in June 2017 in conjunction with the World Aquaculture 2017
- ✓ **Formerly established in Nov-2018** with support from the Government of South Africa
- ✓ **Affiliated** to the Aquaculture Association of Southern Africa (AASA) and Egyptian Aquaculture Society (EgAS) and other organisations
- ✓ **Secretariat hosted** by the Africa Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) at its Headquarters in Midrand, South Africa
- ✓ **Governed by a Board of Directors** who are elected from the Chapter's membership in Africa, every two years
- ✓ **Founding Gold Sponsor** is Aller Aqua (Feed Company)



Unique Global Professional Organization

- Established in 1969
- Global aquaculture network
- Scientific reports on critical and emerging topics
- Emphasis on professional improvement
- Support for student career development
- International conferences and activities
- Attractive membership options and benefits

Journal of the World Aquaculture Society

Bi-monthly scientific journal containing high-quality, peer-reviewed, scientific papers covering the full range of aquaculture topics

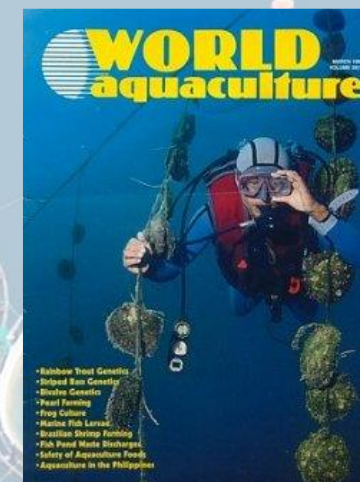
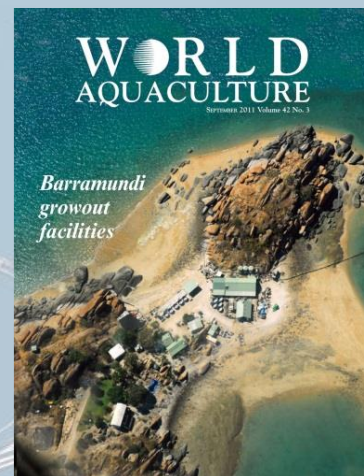
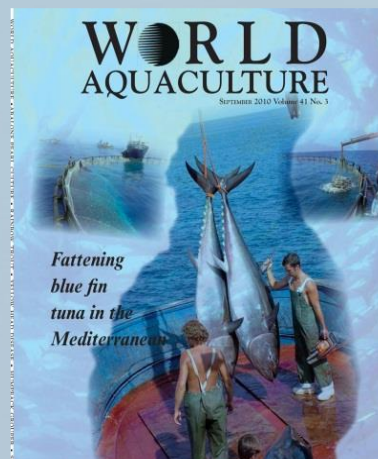
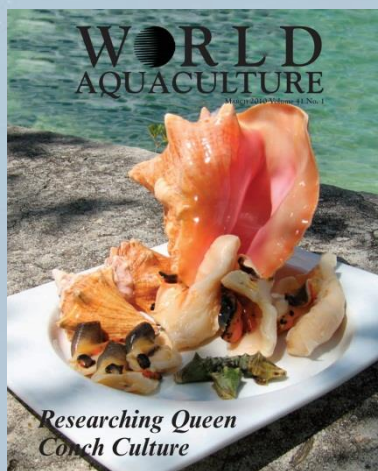
Available to members
in hard copy or
electronic format



World Aquaculture Magazine

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Quarterly publication containing feature articles, updates, as well as timely popular and technical aquaculture articles along with news and current events of interest from around the globe.



Over Decade of WAS Conference Locations



- **2010 - San Diego, USA**



- **2011 - Natal, Brazil**



- **2012 – Prague, Czech Republic**



- **2013 - New Orleans, USA**



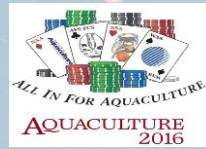
- **2014 - Adelaide, Australia**



- **2015 - Jeju, Korea**



Over Decade of WAS Conference Locations (cont...)



- 2016 - Las Vegas, USA



- 2017 - Cape Town, South Africa



- 2018 – Montpellier, France



- 2019 - New Orleans, USA



- 2021 – Merida, Mexico



- 2022 – Singapore



WAS African Chapter Launch



Over 300 delegates (including from 33 African countries) attended the WAS AC launch meeting (WAS 2017, Cape Town)



FIRST Aquaculture Africa Conference (AFRAQ21)



- ❖ **Alexandria, EGYPT** (March 2022)
- ❖ **1700 registrations** (mostly from Egypt)
- ❖ **77 countries** (both conference and Trade Show)
- ❖ **51 Exhibition booths** (22 countries)
- ❖ **Scientific/technical programme = 34 sessions, 261 abstracts and 58 posters**



<https://www.was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ20>

WAS Member Benefits

- Student support services, awards, and opportunities
- Employment opportunities through the Job Board
- Professional exchanges with international colleagues
- Leadership opportunities as member of Board of Directors or officer in WAS or as a Chapter
- Professional recognition for membership through awards and in an aquaculture professional society



Formal recognition and partners

- ✓ **Governments:** (eg South Africa, Egypt, Zambia etc)
- ✓ **AU agencies:** (ie AUDA-NEPAD hosts WAS AC; AU-IBAR)
- ✓ **Regional Economic Communities (RECs)**
- ✓ **Aquaculture industry in Africa** (eg fish feed companies, fish farming industry etc)
- ✓ **Other developmental organisations** (eg WorldFish, FAO, World Bank etc)
- ✓ **Networks** (SARNISSA, ANAF, WAVMA, etc)
- ✓ **National/regional aqua-associations** (eg Ghana Chamber of Aquaculture)
- ✓ **Strategic Universities and Research institutions** (eg Stellenbosch University, NARO)
- ✓ **Other** (eg global media partners eg AAM)



World Aquatic Health Conference 2022

3 - 7 December 2022

Future Africa Campus, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Advancing Aquatic Health and Veterinary Medicine
through global connection: Ubuntu: I am because we are

WAVMA

The Conference is dedicated to strengthening aquatic health and veterinary care through reaching out, mentoring and supporting one another as countries and communities, and recognizing that we are a whole and only by walking together, can grow and learn.

Ubuntu: I am because we are!

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: September 30, 2022

Abstract acceptance notification: October 15, 2022

Oral (PowerPoint) presentation submission: November 15, 2022



Faculty of
Veterinary Science
Pretoria, South Africa
Lefatse la Dikgosi (The Botswana House)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS (ONLINE and IN PERSON)

- Focus of the conference will be on adding regional value while addressing global challenges, finding solutions to aquatic health challenges, and seeking to develop a solid African aquatic health foundation.
- The conference welcomes abstracts for oral or poster presentations from both veterinary and para-veterinary perspectives in all aquatic sectors (aquaculture, ornamentals, research, aquaria etc.) -
- Particularly those that address the following general themes or key global issues:
 1. Local, Regional, & Global Aquatic Health Challenges and Finding Solutions
 2. The Role of the Veterinarian and Para-veterinarian in Aquatic Health Management
 3. The Koi Habitat, Pond Management, Clinical Problems and Solutions

<https://wavma2022.co.za/abstract-submission/>

WAS-AC Administrative Regions

- NORTH AFRICA** (Algeria, **Egypt**, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Western Sahara)

- WEST AFRICA** (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, **Nigeria**, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo)

- EAST AFRICA** (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, **Uganda** and Zanzibar)



WAS-AC Administrative Regions

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CENTRAL AFRICA (**Angola**, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, São Tomé & Príncipe)



SOUTHERN AFRICA (Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, **South Africa**, Zambia and Zimbabwe)

OUT OF AFRICA/DIASPORA (Anywhere else outside Africa)

WAS-AC Activities in Regions



Platforms to address regional aquaculture development aspirations

- Knowledge generation, dissemination, exchange
- Regional events (Conferences, Trade fairs, Webinars, Training courses etc)
- Research projects
- Networking with regional professionals
- Regional student programme
- Honours and awards
- Other regional activities





Annual Aquaculture Africa

Conferences (AFRAQs)

	EGYPT – MARCH 2022
	ZAMBIA 2023
	GHANA 2024
	UGANDA 2025





Aquaculture Safari 2025





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