

# IIFET 2012 Tanzania

Visible Possibilities:

The Economics of Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Trade

## Conference Themes and Topics

The general theme of the conference will be revealing the hidden possibilities of fisheries in all areas of the world, with particular emphasis on Africa and developing regions.

Participants are encouraged to reflect on the goods and services fisheries and aquaculture provide to human society and on the objective that fishery management and aquaculture development should provide contributions to human wellbeing – whether through macro-economic growth (resource rents, trade revenues), small-business profits, wage labor, or nutritious food. These “goods” need to be weighed against the costs inherent in utilizing fish resources. Participants are also encouraged to examine – and suggest solutions for resolving – those aspects of fisheries management and aquaculture development that can hamper our ability to fulfill this objective, helping to avoid worsening poverty traps, ecosystem damage, and inequities amongst fishery and aquaculture stakeholders.

We stress that development, in this context, is something that takes place in every society, at all levels, and not just a process in the developing world. It is a continual process of change – of seeking a cleaner, safer and more prosperous world and a fairer society – that is relevant everywhere.

Suggested topics and sessions:

### **Wealth, Welfare and Wellbeing: How Fisheries and Aquaculture can Contribute, including analysis of synergies and trade-offs in different approaches**

- What Works in Fisheries Governance and Aquaculture development? Impact assessment, encouraging both ex-post and ex-ante studies
- Governance of Tenure and Rights Based Management: Experiences, Issues, and Implementation in Large and Small scale fisheries; integrating RBM and other economically rational management approaches into existing fishery management structures
- Rights Based Management as applied to Tuna fisheries
- Measuring and Quantifying the Potential of Fisheries and Aquaculture for Wealth Generation, Economic Development, and Poverty Reduction
- Fisheries Access Agreements: Analysis, Negotiations, Impacts
- Fisheries Spatial Management, Marine Reserves and Protected Areas
- Cooperatives and Community Management

### **Environmental Issues in Fisheries and Aquaculture**

- Economics of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Fisheries and Aquaculture – including new work on costs of adaptation (or inaction), ‘blue carbon’, acidification, etc.
- Resilience and Marine Ecosystem Services

### **Methodological Frontiers in Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics: experimental economics, game theory, and other existing and new, cutting edge theoretical and quantitative approaches, including understanding the economics of “rules of origin” in game theory and applications**

- Economic Valuation of Fisheries and Aquaculture: models and practical applications
- Bioeconomic Modeling
- Measuring Profitability in Small Scale Fishing and Aquaculture Enterprises

### **Fisheries, Aquaculture and Food Security: Sustainable Supply, Ethical and Sustainable Consumption and Trade; what we know and don't know about the linkages between fisheries and aquaculture, nutrition and food security and micro and macro levels.**

- Economic Impacts of Eliminating Barriers to Trade (including through free trade zones, on facilitating intra and inter regional trade of fish and fishery products)
- Value Chain Analysis in Seafood Markets

### **Developing Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors to Address Poverty and Increase Productivity, Profitability and Sustainability**

- Including Small-scale Fisheries in Wealth Generation
- Bringing Development Economics Together with Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics to strengthen theory and policy for poverty reduction, food security, and sustainable regional development
- Adding Value in Small Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture Enterprises (for example, pearl and seaweed farming in Tanzania)

### **Gender: Women and Rights in Fisheries and Aquaculture, including:**

- Fish market outlook and gender
- African women's economic roles in fisheries and aquaculture
- Cross-border trade in seafood and gender
- Value chains and gender roles

## **The Economics of Recreational Fisheries The Economics of Aquaculture Production**

(This list is intended to be suggestive, not exhaustive. Aquaculture and fisheries topics may be treated in the same, or in separate sessions, depending on the topic.)

### **Abstract Submission Site Open!**

Please visit <http://www.xcdsystem.com/iifet/> to submit your abstract or special session proposal. Note all special session proposals are requested in the Early Bird period (now till Nov. 5).

All prospective participants who wish to request financial aid to support their participation are very strongly encouraged to submit during the Early Bird period.

Others are welcome to wait until the regular submission period, deadline February 1, 2012.

### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission system opens: Oct 5, 2011

Deadline for Special Session proposal submission: November 5, 2011

Deadline for "Early bird" Abstract submission and financial support requests from developing country participants: November 5, 2011

Acceptance decisions on Special Sessions: December 5, 2011

Acceptance decisions on Early bird Abstracts: December 5, 2011

Registration opens: by February 15, 2012

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: February 15, 2012

Acceptance decisions by Scientific Committee sent to authors: March 1, 2012

Deadline for the submission of completed papers for all best paper contests/awards: March 30, 2012

Deadline for decisions on best paper awards: April 30, 2012

Conference registration desk opens and welcome reception: Monday afternoon/evening, July 16, 2012

Conference opens: Tuesday morning, July 17, 2012

Deadline for the submission of final papers for inclusion in proceedings. Papers must be uploaded in PDF format to website: July 25, 2012

### **Awards and Prizes**

The information below is preliminary. Details on these prizes will be provided on the conference website as plans develop.

**IIFET 2012 Best Student Paper (BSP) Prize:** This award is given to the best paper submitted in advance and presented at the conference by a graduate student. The winner will receive a travel stipend of up to \$2000, a check for \$500, and a certificate. This award is generously supported by the US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**IIFET 2012 Developing Country Aquaculture Economics Best Student Paper (DCAEBSP) Prize:** This award is given to the best paper submitted in advance and presented at the conference by a graduate student on an aquaculture economics topic related to developing countries. The winner will receive a travel stipend of up to \$2000, a check for \$500, and a certificate. This award is generously supported by the AquaFish Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP).

**Aquaculture Professional Awards:** Three travel support stipends of up to \$1000 each will be offered to non-student authors who submit the best extended abstracts related to aquaculture economics in developing countries. Applicants must be developing country citizens working in developing countries. This award is generously supported by the AquaFish Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP).

**New this year! European Association of Fisheries Economists African Student Award:** EAFE offers a partial travel stipend of up to \$2000 to support participation of one African graduate student who is studying at an African University, and making a presentation at the conference.

**JIFRS-Yamamoto Award:** The Japan International Fisheries Research Society continues its tradition of giving an award for the best submitted paper on "Responsible Fishing". The award will provide partial travel support.

### **Financial Assistance**

Some limited financial assistance may be available to authors with accepted abstracts who are both citizens of and currently working in developing countries (exceptions may be made for students from developing countries who are studying at institutions in developing countries). Those who may wish to apply for this support are very strongly encouraged to submit their abstract or session proposal for the Early Bird review, by November 5, 2011. An application form will be sent to accepted authors who checked the box indicating their interest in financial aid in January, 2012. The application may request an extended abstract. Applicants will be ranked

based on the quality of their submissions. Note that we are in the process of seeking sources of financial support; we encourage all applicants to examine all possible potential avenues of support. Your ability to leverage partial support from the conference, with additional support from other sources, will improve your chances.

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## Post Conference Field Trip

The IIFET 2012 Tanzania Conference Secretariat at UDSM is considering organizing a short (1-2 night) post-conference field trip, to familiarize participants with the local people, situation, and fisheries. One potential site under discussion is Zanzibar. Participants might fly to Zanzibar Friday evening July 20, and return Saturday night or Sunday morning, after a day's activities in the ancient stone town and potentially in nearby marine reserves. This would be an optional activity; the price would be set to cover costs. If you might be interested in such a visit, please contact Mr. Stephen Kirama at [ngareni3@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ngareni3@yahoo.co.uk) to let us know of your interest and ideas.

## Sponsors

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## Tourism

Participants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of our visit to Tanzania to pursue the many exciting tourism opportunities which exist there, in the game parks, beaches, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and Zanzibar, among others. The Conference Secretariat will be identifying local tour operators with whom participants may wish to privately engage for extended safaris to the northern and southern game parks and other sites of interest (the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Mt. Kilimanjaro, etc.). In the meantime, please visit <http://www.tanzaniatouristboard.com/> for general information on tourism options in this fascinating and beautiful country. Caveat: we can't be held responsible for your extreme desire to attend this conference, once you see those pictures...

## Conference Website

Will be open soon, and will contain all this information and more! This announcement will also be posted on the IIFET website ([www.iifet.org](http://www.iifet.org)).