

20 years of the Malaysian Fisheries Society



1987 - 2007

The Society for
fisheries and aquaculture
professionals in Malaysia



Established 1987

Mission Statement

'To champion the aquaculture and fishery industry towards a healthy, balanced and sustainable development'



OBJECTIVES

The Society's role is to advance knowledge on all aspects of fisheries and related activities. This is in particular reference to Malaysia and the neighbouring region so as to foster rational development and management of aquaculture, capture fisheries and related activities for food, recreation and conservation.



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Origins of the Malaysian Fisheries Society

In 1986, as industry, in particular aquaculture in Malaysia was growing fast, a group of professionals from industry, academia and government got together to unite and assist in this development. The Malaysian Fisheries Society as a professional society which was officially registered on 13th August 1987.



Council members present during the first meeting

Seated from left to right : Dr. Abdellah Abu Bakr, Dr. Ong Kim Chong, Dr. Lee Ah Thuan, Mr. Tarlochan Singh, Dr. Mohd Shariff Mohd Din, Mr. Gopinath Nagaraj, Dr. Fatimah Mohd Yusoff, Mr. Adrian F. Wijarjangan and Mr. Aziz Arshad.

Fourth Malaysian Fisheries Society Council (1991/1992)

How it all started

The proposal for a professional society received support from the highest level in Department of Fisheries Malaysia (DOF), Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (formerly Universiti Pertanian Malaysia). The former Director General of Fisheries, the late Ungku Ubaidillah was especially keen on a society to work together with the government on fisheries and aquaculture to move it forward. UPM provided the office facilities and web domain which the society is using to this day.

Our Past Presidents

1987/88	Prof Dato' Mohd Shariff Mohd Din
1988/89	Prof Capt Dr Hj Mohd Ibrahim Hj Mohd
1989/90; 1990/91	Assoc Prof Dr Ang Kok Jee
1991/92; 1992/93; 1993/94	Prof Dato' Mohd Shariff Mohd Din
1994-96*	Prof Dato' Mohd Shariff Mohd Din
1995/96	Tarlochan Singh**
1996/98	Tarlochan Singh
1998/2000	Thalathiah Saidin
2000/02	Gopinath Nagaraj
2002/04	Prof. Dr. Fatimah Md. Yusoff
2004/06; 2006/08	Ng Chee Kiat

* The Council changed from serving a 1 year term to a 2-year term in 1994

** Tarlochan Singh completed the second half of this term upon the resignation of Prof Dato' Shariff



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Membership and Council

- As at 30th July 2007 the Society has a total of 277 members. They consist of Life Members (54), Full Members (101), Associate Members (113), Student Members (1) and Corporate Members (8).
- The Annual General Meeting is held yearly while Council elections take place every 2 years.

- Only Full Members can serve on the Executive Council.
- The current council serving from 2006 to 2008 is as follows:

President	-	Mr Ng Chee Kiat
Vice President	-	Associate Prof Dr. Hassan Hj. Mohd Daud
Secretary	-	Dr. Annie Christianus
Treasurer	-	Mr. Perumal Kuppan
Council members	-	Ms Erin Tan Chung Wei (Editor) Prof. Dato' Dr Mohd Shariff Mohd Din Dr.Zuridah Merican Mr.Mahmud Ismail Dr.Subha Bhassu Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ng Wing Keong Mr. Yip Kam Toh Mr. Lim Soom Mong
Auditors	-	Mr Ronald Cheong Mr Ronnie Tan

International Affiliations

Affiliations to regional and international societies bring an international outlook to the Society.

- Since its inception, MFS has been affiliated with the Asian Fisheries Society and its branch societies.
- In 2006 the MFS began affiliation with the World Aquaculture Society, based in the United States.
- MFS co-organised Mahseer 2006 together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the Network of Aquaculture Centres in the Asia Pacific (NACA).

Corporate Members

Support from the industry has been encouraging. Currently our Corporate Members are

- Safe World Enterprise (M) Sdn. Bhd
- Sabah Fish Marketing Sdn. Bhd.
- XianLeng Sdn.Bhd.
- Tacara Sdn. Bhd.
- Persatuan Nelayan Kebangsaan (NEKMAT)
- Aquatics International Sdn. Bhd.
- Dindings Soya & Multifeeds Sdn. Bhd

Strategy

The Society promote its objectives through seminars, workshops and collaborative studies and activities. Since its inception, MFS has covered aspects from angling fisheries to the ornamental industry.



Asian Aquafeeds,
Kuala Lumpur
2005



WAS Bali 2005



Asian Fisheries Forum,
Penang 2005

The Society communicates its vision and objectives through various channels which have been conducted on a regular basis.

This includes

- Exhibitions & Programs
- Industry Seminars
- Occasional Publications
- Fishmail & Website
- Technical Tours



Exhibitions & Activities

Over the years, the Society members have participated in planned and ad hoc activities to increase awareness of the Society activities.



Among the programs that the MFS has been involved in over the years include the following:

- Angling Fair 2003-2006
- Asian Fisheries Forum 2004
- Aqua Venture Seminar 2004
- Belum Preliminary Survey 2006
- Fish Eye View Exhibition 2003
- International Coastal Cleanup 2006
- International Conference on the Straits of Malacca 1998
- Khazanah Nasional Pre Feasibility Study 2006
- Schering-Plough Seminar 2007
- Tioman Beach Rehabilitation Review 2005

Industry Seminars

Since its inception, the society endeavours to have a 1 or 2 day seminar annually. The first seminar was held in 1988. In addition, MFS jointly organises workshops and seminars with other agencies, societies and private sectors during trade exhibitions. The meetings have covered aspects from fishing technology, aquaculture and its related sectors to aquarium fish and recreation fisheries.

Our seminars:

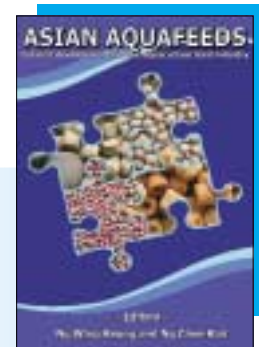
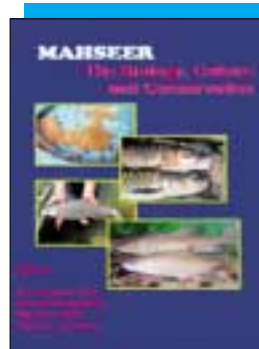
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- 1988 – Aquarium Fish Industry: A New Frontier.
- 1989 – Handling and Processing: The Selling Point in Malaysian Fisheries
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- 1990 – Angling and Recreational Fisheries
- 1991 – Fish Industry: Prospects and Challenges
- 1992 – Fish/Shrimp Nutrition and Feed Technology
- 1993 – Disease in Aquaculture: Current Issues
- 1994 – Aquaculture Practices in Malaysia
- 1995 – Advances in Seed Production Technologies
- 1996 – Developments in Shrimp Farming
- 1997 – Angling and Eco-Tourism: Synergy and Sustainability
- 1998 – Disease Prevention and Management in Malaysian Aquaculture
- 1999 – Fish Processing and Food Safety.
- 2002 – New Commodities in Malaysian Aquaculture
- 2003 – Recent Developments and Technologies in the Aquarium Industry
- 2004 – Recreational and Sports Fishing
- 2005 – Asian Aquafeeds 2005
- 2006 – Mahseer 2006
- 2007 – New Technologies in Seafood Production



Occasional Publications

Publications are to disseminate up-to-date information on aquaculture, capture fisheries and related issues. It is also to foster interest amongst the general public on matters related to fisheries. These are proceedings from seminars as well as ad-hoc publications on technology for the industry

1. Marine Prawn Farming in Malaysia-Present Problems, Future Prospects. 1988
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3. Handling and Processing: The Selling Point in Malaysian Fisheries.1990
4. Angling and Recreational Fisheries.1991
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14. Mahseer 2007



Fishmail & Website

First published in 1989, the FISHMAIL began as an 8-page newsletter and has evolved over the years to a colour 24-page format.

The FISHMAIL, currently in its 16th volume, contains articles which are technical and general interest to the industry. It also provides members with information on the activities of the society.

The FISHMAIL is distributed freely to all members and also to selected agencies and organizations in Malaysia and overseas. Published quarterly, abridged versions are also available from the Malaysian Fisheries Society website (www.vet.upm.edu.my/~mfs/).

The website which was set up in 2004 is currently maintained with the server at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in UPM and allows the public to access its pages freely.



1991



1999



2003



Technical Tours

Technical Tours covering shrimp/fish and related activities in the region have been held regularly since 2000 when the first visit was made to South Thailand with a total of 60 participants.

In 2002, 16 members visited shrimp and fish farms in South Vietnam. In 2006, a group of 15 members visited Guangdong Province in South China. Future study tours will cover seafood and aquaculture activities in India, Indonesia and North Vietnam.

Tours Conducted

- 2000 - South Thailand
- 2002 - South Vietnam
- 2005 - Guangdong Province, China

China



Vietnam



Thailand



Benefits of joining the Malaysian Fisheries Society

Members of the Malaysian Fisheries Society have immediate access to the professional network of fisheries and aquaculture professionals in Malaysia and the region. Other benefits of membership include:

- Preferential rates for all programs organized by the Malaysian Fisheries Society as well as her affiliates.
- Discounted rates for all publications of the Malaysian Fisheries Society
- Free copies of the FishMail every quarter and affiliates publications at reduced rates.

Individuals

Individuals can apply for either Full Membership or Associate Membership, while students qualify for Student Membership which is limited to undergraduates. Full and Associate Members can also opt for Life Membership which allows members to enjoy all the benefits by having to pay membership fees only once.

Organizations

Commercial entities and Government Agencies can apply for Corporate Membership which allows them to nominate one individual to participate in the society programs and activities. Corporate Members have their organizations listed in the Fishmail. Schools and Universities enjoy benefits of membership at preferential rates.

Membership Category	Annual Fee (RM)	Joining Fee (RM)
Full Member	50.00	10.00
Associate Member	50.00	10.00
Life Member	500.00	-
Student Member	20.00	10.00
Corporate Member	300.00	10.00
School Member	50.00	10.00
University Member	50.00	10.00

For membership application please complete the form below and send along with payment to the Secretariat.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print clearly)

Type of Membership Requested <i>(Please select)</i>		Number of Fisheries Publications (if any)	
Full/Associate <input type="checkbox"/>	Life <input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate <input type="checkbox"/>	School/University <input type="checkbox"/>
Title: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Prof. <i>(Please select)</i>		Student <input type="checkbox"/>	
Full Name:			
Field of Interest:			
Postal Address:		Signature of Applicant:	
Email Address:		Date:	
Telephone Office/Residence:		Academic Qualifications:	
I.C. /Passport Number:		Company / Institute / School Seed	
Employer:		Nationality:	
Proposer:		Position:	
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE		Membership Number:	
Date received	Recommendation	Amount Received (Check/Draft Number if applicable)	Date Acknowledged
Secretary	Membership Committee	Treasurer	Secretary



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Our logo represents a fish which is symbolic for the capture fisheries and aquaculture. The actively swimming fish symbolises a dynamic society. The waves above the fish represent the aquatic environment which includes the freshwater bodies and the marine environment. The blue colour used for the logo represents the aquatic environment. The round shape signifies a holistic and integrated approach to fisheries management, development and research.

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