

PROFILE

AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA



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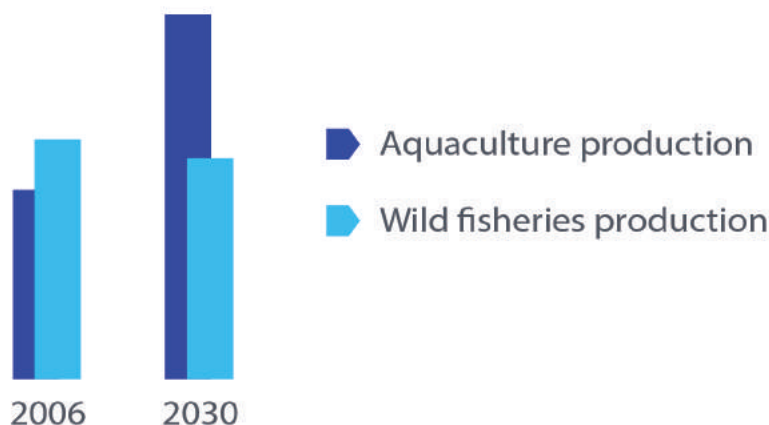


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Since 2017

“Aquaculture production is projected to grow from 47.2 million metric tons in 2006 to 93.6 million metric tons by 2030, while wild fisheries production is expected to decline from 64.5 million metric tons to 58.2 million metric tons during that same time. To feed the world’s growing population, aquaculture has to deliver an additional 46.4 million metric tons to meet the world’s seafood needs”

- Global Aquaculture Alliance



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Aquaculture Association of
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

AAT is an association representing the interest of various stakeholders across the Aquaculture value chain. These include fish farmers at all levels of fish feed and seed, producers, processors, marketers, service providers, research and training institutions, local and international partners and government agencies.

AAT has been established with an initial number of 33 founder members and has been registered under the Societies Act (CAP. 337 R.E. 2002) with Registration Number S.A.20925 dated 11th December, 2017. Membership is extended to individual farmers, persons, registered companies and stakeholders of the aquaculture sector.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Aquaculture Association of Tanzania (AAT) as an umbrella are:-

1. To unify members in developing sustainable, environmentally responsible and profitable aquaculture.
2. To maintain dialog and good relations with government and other aquaculture stakeholders for creation of good commercial aquaculture environment for members.
3. To support members on issues relating to capacity building, value addition and market linkage.
4. To provide workshops and training to members on aquaculture best practice.
5. To facilitate members access to finances, capital and loans for advancement of aquaculture.
6. To facilitate members' compliance with law, regulations and standards required in aquaculture.
7. To facilitate members' access to raw materials (feeds), best aqua breeds and reliable markets.

VISION

To maintain a profitable, developed, technologically advanced and sustainable aquaculture.

MISSION

Mobilizing Aquaculture farmers to join this association for capacity building in resolving challenges facing aquaculture industry in Tanzania.

GOAL

To contribute positively to the growth of the Fisheries Sector in order to tap into the existing potential that can provide reasonable employment to youth, increase income, improve nutritional status and finally make a meaningful contribution to the growth of the Fisheries GDP.



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The association aims to empower aquaculture farmers economically, with the main focus being increasing income, improving healthy living and creating jobs. It also aims at enhancing its role in the agricultural sector through increased food security and nutrition, creating a network of aquaculture stakeholders, in terms of information, inputs, markets and research.

Bearing in mind that Tanzania is organizing herself to be a middle income industrialized country following the declaration of President John Pombe Magufuli urging for the development of Aquaculture industry in Tanzania.

As a national umbrella association, Aquaculture Association of Tanzania (AAT) intends to lobby and advocate on all aquaculture policies and legislations in Tanzania. Policy and regulatory bottlenecks which hinder the development of aquaculture farmers and discourage investment by value chain actors.

One of the key functions of the Association will be to work with the Government and development partners to ensure that the policies and legislations put in place favors the development of the fish farming industry in Tanzania and the world.

There is still a lot that needs to be done to create a better enabling environment for fish farming in Tanzania. AAT together with the Government through the responsible ministries and other stakeholders within the fish value chain will work together to formulate and implement policies where and when necessary.

AAT'S STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

In order to meet the immediate aspirations of the Association the following strategic issues will be pursued:

1. Resources are mobilized and mechanism for fundraising is in place.
 - a) Establish a fundraising mechanism
 - b) Mobilize & Sensitize Aquaculture Stakeholders to join AAT
 - c) Develop donor funded projects
2. AAT is a legitimate and full-fledged platform to articulate aquaculture related issues in Tanzania.
 - a) Build capacity in resolving challenges facing aquaculture industry in Tanzania.
 - b) Enhance the organizational capacity of the Association to fulfill its mandate in a democratic, open and transparent manner with more skilled individuals, functional systems and structures in place.

3. The voice of the Association is strengthened and is positively considered by aquaculture actors at national, regional and global levels.

- a) Promoting the representation of the Tanzanian aquaculture communities' interests in national, regional and international forums.
- b) Acting on behalf of the interests of AAT members when requested to do so, within the parameters and means decided jointly by members.
- c) Developing and participating in campaigns to highlight important issues of aquaculture during the national and international festivals.

4. A facilitation mechanism for the advancement of aquaculture in Tanzania is in place.

- a) Developing a mechanism for AAT members to access finances, capital and loans.
- b) Encouraging AAT members to access raw materials (feeds), best aqua breeds and reliable markets.
- c) Promoting AAT members compliance with law, regulations and standards required in aquaculture.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

The AAT membership presents to the private sector an effective platform to share knowledge, information and innovations and it also encourages continual development. AAT has 3 levels of memberships:

MEMBERSHIP & TYPES OF MEMBERS

Members of the Association shall be fully individuals and fully registered Association working on Aquaculture, aquaporin, aimed at bringing positive changes in the society.

1. FOUNDER MEMBERS

Shall be those who signed the founding instruments of AAT in accordance with the constitution and dealing with aquaculture direct or indirect.

2. ORDINARY MEMBERS

Any individual/association working on aquaculture and aquaponics aimed at bringing positive change in the society can be a member of AAT. They shall have the right of voting and participation in the General assembly of the Association.

3. HONORARY MEMBERS

Shall be individuals, institutions or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding performance or undertakings of aquaculture and community development. In addition, Honorary Members must have shown proven interest in supporting the objectives and activities of the umbrella Association. Honorary Members will have no right to vote.



MAIN SDG GOALS OF AAT

- Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture, Secondary SDG Goals.
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
- Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.





PARTNERS

AAT believes in the spirit of public and private partnership in realizing its vision and mission. The Association actively engages with government institutions and agencies, Development Partners, Private Sector companies and platforms, regional and international bodies to mention but a few in its strategy to promote inclusive industry growth and sustainability. We strategically position ourselves to identify, manage and retain trans-formative partnerships.

ACHIEVEMENTS

AAT PUBLISHES FINAL SCOPING STUDY TO ASSESS TANZANIAN AQUACULTURE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

24TH JUNE 2019

The main objective of this study was to undertake the situational analysis of the aquaculture industry current environment and regulatory framework, challenges and changes over time that could be a basis for review of existing policy and institutional support to drive the rational development of the sector.

The study identifies opportunities and constraints of development of Tanzania aquaculture industry to determine the need for policy and institutional support to drive the rational development of an environmentally responsible aquaculture sector.

The study also illustrates the adequate and efficient institutional support for the development of sector and explore ways to influence the Government to improve the national aquaculture policy and its implementation strategies and to establish a consultative platform that will give new impetus to aquaculture development and pro-active and transparent dialogue at all levels.

AAT ORGANIZES THE NATIONAL AQUACULTURE STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

13th May 2019

Aquaculture Association of Tanzania (AAT) in collaboration with other partners is striving to support growth and transformation of Aquaculture industry to increase its contribution to nutrition, incomes, employment and national economy.

One of such support promotion and facilitation of dialogue between different actors in the industry in order to develop conducive environment that promotes competitive firms, investments and vibrant industry to stimulate growth and transformation of Aquaculture. In that context, AAT in collaboration with the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries, Msingi East Africa, Economic Social Research Foundation (ESRF) and the Best-Dialogue is pleased to invite you to a National Aquaculture Stakeholder Consultative Meeting which will be held from Tuesday 14th to Wednesday 15th May 2019

National Aquaculture Workshop



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BUILDING EAST AFRICA'S INDUSTRIES
OF THE FUTURE

BEST-Dialogue

Doing business, let's make it easy - and fair
Kufanya biashara kwa haki - bila vikwazo



AAT BECOMES A STRATEGIC PARTNER WITH THE GLOBAL AQUACULTURE ALLIANCE

21st August 2018

Global Aquaculture Alliance Strategic Partnership



AAT has a strategic partnership with the Global Aquaculture Alliance to promote responsible aquaculture practices through education and demonstration. The Partnership is to broaden and strengthen impact in the advancement of responsible aquaculture and seafood.

For over 20 years the GAA has demonstrated their commitment to feeding the World through responsible and sustainable aquaculture. They do this by providing resources to individuals and businesses worldwide who are associated with aquaculture and seafood. They improve production practices with countries, communities, and companies, as well as online learning and groundbreaking journalism that boasts active readership on every country of the World.

AAT AS A PARTNER IN THE EU-TRUE-FISH PROJECT IN LAKE VICTORIA

August 9, 2018



The overall objective of the EU-TRUE-FISH project is to contribute towards development of competitive, gender equitable and sustainable commercial aquaculture in order to improve the economic development and sustainable management of natural resources in the Lake Victoria basin.

The project will support the relevant national aquaculture associations in the implementation of two national aquaculture symposia in Kenya and Tanzania, as a first step to building their capacities in view of hosting the regional event in the future

In addition, the project is expected to improve access to commercial networks for aquaculture related businesses, increase availability and quality of local skilled workers for the development of aquaculture-related businesses, improve sustainability and bio-security of regional aquaculture production systems.



“On the same NOTE if we may, we were very pleased with the regional VISION of forming East Africa Aquaculture regional body. We are much delighted to say the project will support the development of stronger links between regional and international aquaculture related businesses, as well as stronger sector information systems through: Establishment of a regular East African Aquaculture Exhibition and Conference”

Geoffrey Rucho
Executive Secretary, AAT

A regional trade exhibition would bring together East African aquaculture operators, investors and foreign suppliers of equipment and services. A parallel conference would also promote the region and the science underpinning aquaculture development bringing together research and industry. Addressing the media, the Head of Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania and the EAC, H.E. Ambassador Roeland van de Geer reiterated the importance of fish farming having the potential to be a key driver for poverty eradication and sustainable development in the region.

“Not only will fish farming help improve regional nutrition and food security. It will also provide new sources of rural income and contribute to contain pressure on the wild resources of the Lake Victoria”

He further stressed that the EU-EAC TRUE-FISH program aims to tackle some of the key challenges as well as sustainability risks for the development of market-led, competitive and sustainable commercial aquaculture in the Lake Victoria basin.

AAT Partners in Developing the Tilapia Production, Education, and Business Development in Tanzania, TPT

14th August 2018

TPT focuses on fish farming entrepreneurs' establishment and sustainable fish farm business operations to create full time jobs, increase their income and assist the country's intention of higher food security (protein). This is in line with the government policies, Ref; "Report from Visit to Tanzania 4-8 September 2017"



NORGESVEL
THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Norges Vel will support the local partners (FETA and AAT) in developing a competence based national technical Vocational and Training curriculum to guide delivery and certification of fish farming training in the country.

TPT will have a Project Steering Committee (PSC), composed of representatives from the partner's institutions (FETA, AAT, FI and Norges Vel). PSC will be responsible for the result and risk management of TPT having the task of direction and guiding its implementation by the project staff.

Impact:

Sustainable production, increased food security and income and contribute to the growth of the fisheries sector in Tanzania. TPT expected impact is to establish a sustainable business, provide technical training to youth, women and fish farmers in order to increase food security and nutrition, increase income and positively contribute to the growth of the fisheries sector and GDP in Tanzania.

Outcome:

AAT is recognized by stakeholders and capacity building of a new regional farmers' organization.

Output:

1. Aquaculture organization (AAT) recognized by the public and private sector stakeholder.
2. AAT increased its self-financed with own resources basic operations (included 2 full positions, office rent and operations cost) Year 3: 10 %, Year 4: 25%.
3. Farmers' Service company is established formally document and the results monitoring framework approved by NORAD will be the most important tool for the PSC's activities and meetings.

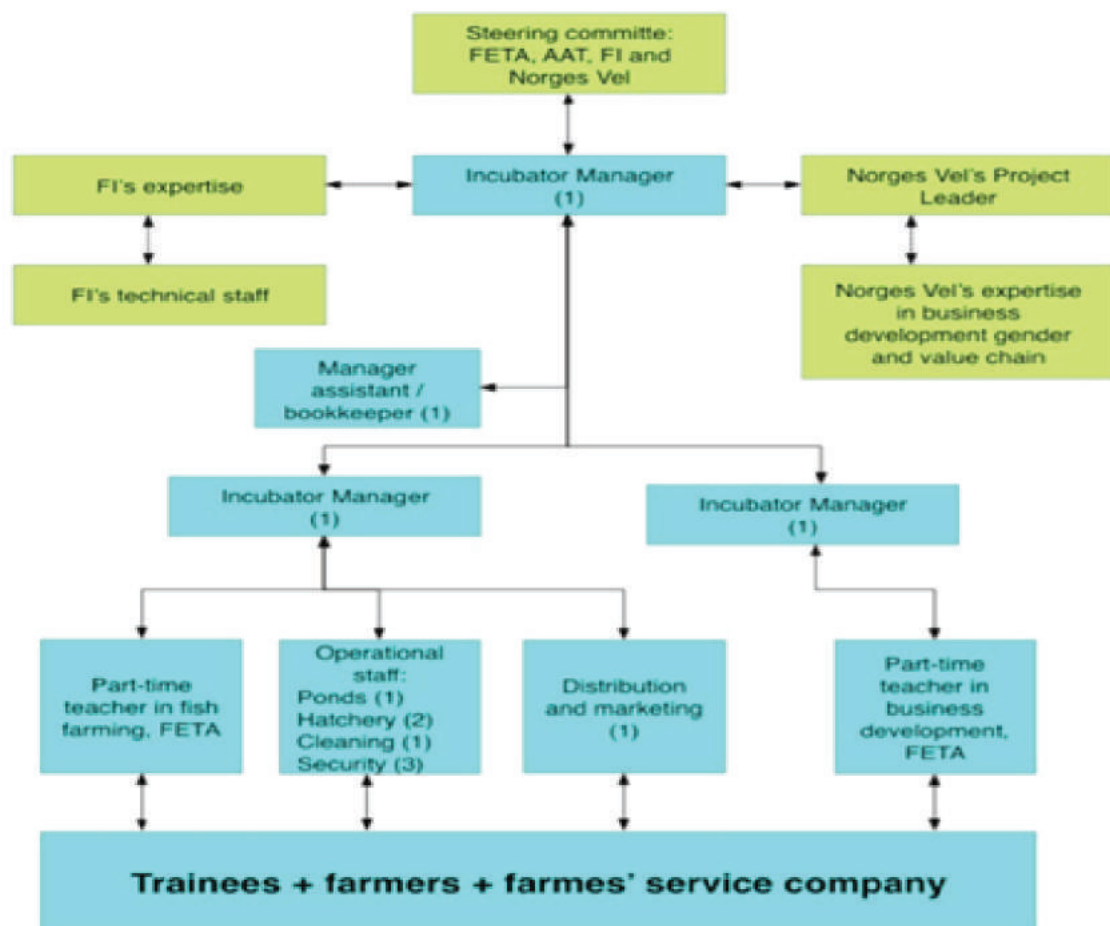


Figure No. 1: TPT's organization chart

AAT STRATEGICAL FOCUS ACTIVITIES

Towards achieving the goals of the association, AAT has already conducted an aquaculture Scoping Study of the sector and presented the final report before the aquaculture stakeholders for validation. In order to immediately realize aspiration of the association, the following activities need to be addressed collectively.

Research

Mapping & Profiling/Zoning of Aquaculture value chain in Tanzania	\$200,000
Mapping & Profiling/Zoning of Aquaculture production sites in Tanzania	\$200,000
National Aquaculture electronic Value Chain Database and Information Call Centers	\$100,000
Establishment of Zonal Aquaculture Training/Research Institutions – 3 Zones	\$600,000

Farmer Support

Regional Aquaculture Farmer Associations – 10 Regions	\$100,000
Market Platform and Zonal Cold Chain Infrastructure	\$200,000

Advocacy

Policy Analysis	\$25,000
National Aquaculture Policy Report	\$100,000
Regional and Zonal Policy Trainings and Seminars	\$200,000

Conferences & Reports

Annual National Aquaculture Symposium	\$100,000 per year
Annual State of Aquaculture Report	\$50,000 per year
Regional Aquaculture Exhibitions – 10 Regions	\$200,000
Investment Conference	\$100,000



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