

WorldFish¹ – Capacity Statement

WorldFish is an international, non-profit, non-governmental organization founded by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1977. Our mission is to reduce poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture.

Our multi-national staff of 250 work in 20 countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. We have offices in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Malawi, Malaysia (HQ), the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Zambia.

We're one of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), a group that includes governments, development banks, philanthropic organizations, and development institutions. Our annual budget is about US\$20 million.

We engage with partners (intergovernmental, government and non-governmental organizations, UN, and the private sector, including farmers associations) to deliver science-based solutions to ensure productive and resilient small-scale fisheries and to expand sustainable aquaculture in developing countries. Our expertise and strengths lie in 3 key areas: aquaculture and genetic improvement; natural resources management; and policy, economics and social sciences, specifically:.

Aquaculture and genetic improvement

- Breeding improved fish strains for aquaculture
- Aquaculture technologies for the poor and landless
- Integrating aquaculture with agriculture

Natural resources management

- Management of small-scale fisheries
- Assessing the impacts of climate change on fisheries and providing adaptation strategies
- Post-disaster livelihood recovery in fisheries-dependent regions
- Assessing the impact of built structures on aquatic resources

Policy, economics, and social sciences

- Working with communities to manage their fisheries
- Designing pro-poor fisheries policies
- Improving human health through fisheries
- Supporting the role of women in fisheries
- Fisheries economics

¹ WorldFish was formerly known as ICLARM - International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management