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Hammamet, TUNISIA

“Blue Farming: New Horizons for Economic Growth”

3rd Annual International Conference & Exposition
of the African Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society

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Conference Venue

Tunisia is the northernmost country in Africa and part of the Maghreb region of North Africa. It is bordered by Algeria to the west and southwest, Libya to the southeast, and the Mediterranean Sea to the north and east. Known for its tourism, Tunisia offers countless attractions, including archeological sites (dating back to the 9th Century BC). Its 1,300 km coastline along the Mediterranean boasts countless pristine, sunny and sandy beaches and resorts. The Southern part of the country features the Sahara Desert landscape.

The Conference will take place at the beautiful coastal town of Hammamet at Medina Hotels & Resorts /Medina Mediterranea. The venue is a uniquely modern leisure centre with stunning attractions providing unforgettable experiences! The Medina exhibition centre is one of the largest convention centres in Tunisia. It has a 6000m² surface area comprising three modular halls decorated in a Tunisian Roman villa style. The Medina congress centre offers a wide range of rooms with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment.

The conference offers a great opportunity for aquaculture researchers, practitioners, decision makers and other stakeholders to meet, network and discuss all aspects of aquaculture in Africa. Exhibitors from all over the globe are expected to exhibit their products in the state-of-the-art exhibition Center. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore some famous touristic attractions in Hammamet and countrywide. Special excursionary or aquaculture tours will also be arranged to nearby marine fish farms (both large, medium and small scale); aquafeeds facilities, fish markets and some aquaculture R&D centres. Be sure to schedule time for this unique scientific, business and social event!

AFRAQ24 Programme Themes

AFRAQ24 technical program will aim to cover developmental issues including latest research and developmental aspects on aquaculture in Africa. The thematic plenary and technical parallel sessions will comprise submitted oral and poster presentations in English, French, Portuguese and Arabic. AFRAQ24 will feature an international trade exhibition, industry forums, student sessions and activities, satellite workshops (and training sessions) and various meetings/forums on aquaculture development in Tunisia and Africa. The international conference will be centered around the theme “Blue Farming: New Horizons for Economic Growth”, and will feature lessons learnt from Tunisia and other countries on the role sustainable aquaculture continues to play in building sustainable food systems for economic growth.

Sample topics will include: (This is an initial theme list, subject to change)

- Aquaculture Investment and Financing
- Aquaculture & the Blue Economy
- Feed, Nutrition & Physiology
- Species, Genetics & Reproduction
- Aquatic Animal Health, Welfare & Biosecurity
- Environmental Management
- Sustainability , Livelihood & Nutritional Security
- Processing and Value Addition
- Food Quality & Safety
- Aquaculture Marketing
- Gender and Youth Development
- Aquaculture Engineering
- Freshwater Aquaculture
- Brackishwater Aquaculture
- Mariculture
- Ornamental Fish Culture
- New/Innovative Systems and Practices
- Aquaculture Certification & Standards
- Country Case Studies
- Aquaculture Networks & Associations
- Aquaculture Sp. Governance
- Other Special Topics

Possible special sessions relevant to aquaculture development in Africa will be included and announced in due course

Details regarding online submissions of abstracts (including full guidelines for abstract preparation and an abstract sample will be available soon on:

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DEADLINE: August 31, 2024

AFRAQ24 encourages the submission of high quality oral and poster presentations. We strongly encourage authors to consider poster presentations because poster sessions will be an integral part of the program. Papers submitted for “oral presentation only” may not be accepted as oral presentations due to the limited number of available time slots. English is strongly encouraged, but three other official languages (French, Portuguese and Arabic) are accepted. **PowerPoint Presentations/Slides are strongly encouraged in English for everyone to follow through.**

Each oral presenter shall be entitled to no more than 20 minutes comprised of 15 minutes for a presentation, plus 5 minutes for questions. Authors of studies involving proprietary products or formulations should present this information in workshops or the trade show. Oral presentations can only use PowerPoint. Overhead projectors, slides and video players will not be available or allowed.

All presenters are required to pay their own registration, accommodation and travel expenses. AFRAQ24 cannot subsidize registration fees, travel or hotel costs.

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- 1. TITLE OF PAPER :** The paper title is printed in CAPITAL LETTERS, with the exception of scientific names which should be Upper/lower case and italicized. Scientific names should not be preceded or followed by commas or parentheses or other markings.
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- 5. PAGE SIZE :** Standard 210mm x 297mm A4 paper (portrait)
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- 8. PARAGRAPHS :** Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line and should not be indented.
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- 11. MEASUREMENTS :** Use metric units of measurement. When needed, English equivalents may be given in parentheses.

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EVALUATION OF JUVENILE AUSTRALIAN RED CLAW CRAYFISH (*Decapoda quadricarinata*) FED PRACTICAL DIETS WITH AND WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTAL LECITHIN AND/OR CHOLESTEROL

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Red claw crayfish (*Decapoda quadricarinata*) are one of more than a hundred aquatic freshwater crayfish. However, because of its rapid growth rate, ease of spawning, wide temperature tolerance, and lack of a larval stage, red claw may be the best candidate for aquaculture. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in the United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in the United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in the United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in the United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in the United States.

An 8-week feeding trial was conducted in a recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) with six mesh culture units, each containing two juvenile red claw crayfish (mean weight of 0.2 g). The diet consisted of a commercial crayfish feed (Nutrena Aquaculture) supplemented with varying amounts of lecithin and cholesterol. The trial was conducted in a recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) with six mesh culture units, each containing two juvenile red claw crayfish (mean weight of 0.2 g). The diet consisted of a commercial crayfish feed (Nutrena Aquaculture) supplemented with varying amounts of lecithin and cholesterol.

TABLE 1: Formulation of experimental diets fed to red claw crayfish.

	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Melkonal 104	35.0	25.0	22.0	20.0
Soybean Meal	33.0	35.0	35.0	44.5
Lecithin 0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Cholesterol	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other	31.5	29.0	39.5	30.5

TABLE 2: Final weight, percentage weight gain, specific growth rate (SGR), and percentage survival of red claw crayfish fed four practical diets. Means in a column with different letters were significantly different ($P < 0.05$).

	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Final weight(g)	0.97 ^a	0.60 ^a	3.65 ^b	2.15 ^b
Weight gain (%)	334 ^a	207 ^a	1715 ^b	1044 ^b
SGR (day ⁻¹)	2.76 ^a	1.65 ^a	4.09 ^b	2.41 ^b
Survival (%)	76.0	64.0	56.0	90.0

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Engaging with Industry

The Aquaculture Africa events are all about communication with the sector. AFRAQ24 will feature a special international trade exhibition, where Tunisian and international organizations will present their latest technologies, products and services. Both Standard and Corner booths will be available. Each booth is 6m2 (2x3m) and features walls, carpet, two chairs and one table, spotlights, one power outlet, fascia identification sign and two free passes for the conference. We can provide meeting points for industry associations, organization/industry panels or B2B meetings, farmers forums etc. Organization/industry panel meetings will take place around the trade exhibition, and aquaculture tours will be organized after the Conference.

Platform for Developmental Organizations

AFRAQ24 will also be a meeting hub for developmental agencies, NGOs and institutions in Africa – where they can hold plenary talks, meetings, seminars, investment forums and satellite workshops of African aquaculture projects and activities.

Networking for Students

Special forums and events will be arranged for students attending AFRAQ24 to enable networking and exchange of ideas amongst students and student mentors. The forums/ events will have a dedicated programme that includes a special student reception, student contests/awards. Students receive the full registration package plus the student reception. To qualify for the student rate, a copy of your Student I.D. is required. To learn more on WAS Student Program, visit <https://www.wasstudents.org/>

Farm Tours

Aquaculture tours are being organized at some interesting fisheries and aquaculture facilities around Tunisia which include commercial ventures, projects, R&D centres, fish markets, aquafeeds facilities etc. More details will be made available on conference website.

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Admission to all sessions (including reception), seminars and the trade show.
- Conference bag and Show Directory
- Refreshment breaks (including lunch)
- Abstract App and/or Abstract Book

* To qualify for Member Rate, you must be a WAS member in good standing

Trade Show Pass only –
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AFRAQ2024 Tentative Programme Overview

Tuesday, 19 November

Registration Open & Exhibit Set-up	1200 - 1800
Registration & Welcome Drink	1600 - 1800

Wednesday, 20 November

Registration Open	0730 - 1700
Welcome To Tunisia	0900 - 0920
Plenary Sessions	0920 - 1000
Opening Ceremony	1000 - 1020
Official Opening Exhibition	1020
Break	1020 - 1040
Exhibition	1000 - 1800
Lunch	1240 - 1420
Sessions	1400 - 1540
Break	1540 - 1600
Sessions	1600 - 1740
Posters	1000 - 1800

Thursday, 21 November

Registration Open	0730 - 1700
Sessions	0900 - 1040
Break	1040 - 1100
Trade Show	1000 - 1600
Sessions	1100 - 1240
Lunch	1240 - 1420
Sessions	1400 - 1540
Break	1540 - 1600
Sessions	1600 - 1740
Posters	1000 - 1800
WAS AC Business Meeting	1800 - 1900

Friday, 22 November

Registration Open	0800 - 1500
Sessions	0900 - 1040
Break	1040 - 1100
Trade Show	1000 - 1600
Sessions	1100 - 1240
Lunch	1240 - 1420
Sessions	1400 - 1540
Break	1540 - 1600
Sessions	1600 - 1740
Posters	1000 - 1600
Exhibit Move-out	1600 - 1900

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- The WAS is working with a visa agency in Tunisia for a visa-on-arrival facilitation for registered participants. This will apply for those from nations without a Tunisian embassy/consulate or those with difficulties in accessing their visas under normal channels. Details will be uploaded on the Conference website. **It is important to register early in order for the system to capture your details for visa facilitation ahead of time.**
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