The World Aquaculture Society was founded in 1970 as the World Mariculture Society. Since then the WAS has grown to a society of over 2,500 members in about 90 countries. In order to meet the expanding international nature of the Society and to address specific needs in various areas of the world, the WAS has created Chapters in the United States, Japan, Latin America and Asian-Pacific. The WAS is associated with other aquaculture associations around the world. Through its diverse membership and international networks, the WAS can provide leadership for enhanced international communications, collaboration and information exchange. The World Aquaculture Society is a dynamic organization capable of responding to change and is recognized for its professional credibility in aquaculture science, technology and education.

Aquaculture will have to play an increasingly important role in meeting the global demand for fisheries products as the world population continues to expand and fisheries stocks approach their biological limits. The World Aquaculture Society (WAS) is strategically positioned to play an important role in assuring the progressive development of aquaculture worldwide by meeting the increased global demand for science-based information and technology. Through its diverse membership and international networks, WAS can provide leadership for enhanced international communication, collaboration and information exchange.

The World Aquaculture Society, through this commitment to excellence in science, technology, education, and information exchange, will endeavor to contribute to the progressive and sustainable development of aquaculture throughout the world. The Annual Meeting of the World Aquaculture Society is recognized as the premier global aquaculture conference and exhibition bringing together a wide variety of aquaculturists from the commercial, academic and government sectors.

In addition to the WAS Annual Meeting, WAS organizes or sponsors a range of meetings and workshops to cover specific topics or needs. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for those who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

The WAS also publishes the Journal of the World Aquaculture Society, a quarterly scientific journal, which contains high-quality, peer-reviewed, scientific papers covering a broad range of aquaculture topics, and the World Aquaculture magazine which provides a quarterly source of articles on aquaculture and news of interest to WAS members.

For information on WAS or aquaculture, go to Gateway to Aquaculture: www.was.org

Opportunities to reach the Global Aquaculture Community
- Advertise in WORLD AQUACULTURE magazine – Distribution is over 4000.
- Advertise in Conference Programs – Ads are available in the Program Book for each WAS conference.
- Exhibiting at Conference Trade Shows – A trade show is part of each WAS conference and booths are available.
- Advertise on Website – Promoting your company or product through banners, ads and others.
- Sponsor different Conference activities – Receptions, breaks, sessions, bags and more.

Opportunities to support WAS
As a recognized non-profit entity, donations to WAS are tax-deductible.
- Gold Sponsorship – Includes advertising, website banner and other recognitions.
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- Donate to the Journal Endowment Fund – Tax-deductible donations go to support of the Journal publication.
- Donate to WAS Special Projects – These are special projects from time-to-time that need donations to make them viable.

Opportunities to Help Needy Aquaculturists
- Sponsored Memberships – You can pay the membership for people who cannot afford it and they will receive the membership benefits.
- Sponsor distribution of WAS books to those in need – WAS has surplus books that we do not want to see sit on the shelves. You can support the cost of shipping to needy libraries, institutions, etc.
- Sponsor workshops in developing areas – WAS is developing aquaculture workshops that can be taken into developing areas to help promote all levels of aquaculture and donations are needed to make this happen.
- Sponsor attendance at WAS meetings – You can sponsor an individual or contribute to a fund to sponsor the registration fees and travel for people from developing areas to attend WAS conferences.

WAS Services
- Membership
- WORLD AQUACULTURE magazine
- Journal of the World Aquaculture Society
- Conferences on Aquaculture in sites around the World
- Aquaculture Publications (By WAS and other publishers)
- Gateway for Aquaculture Website

WAS helps you reach the aquaculture world.
In turn, your support helps the world of aquaculture.
membership application

You can also join WAS online: www.was.org

Circle one: Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms. First Name ________________________________

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☐ Sustaining (Printed JWAS) ($125/yr) Applies to any one individual from a company
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☐ Lifetime (Electronic JWAS only) ($1100) Applies to an Individual only
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You can join more chapters by adding US$5 per extra chapter.

Membership Benefits (For details, visit the website: www.was.org)

• Full access to member's section of WAS website: Gateway to Aquaculture
• WORLD AQUACULTURE magazine
• The Journal of the World Aquaculture Society
• Substantial discount on publications in WAS Store on website
• Major discounts on registration for WAS conferences

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VISION
The World Aquaculture Society, through its commitment to excellence in science, technology, education, and information exchange, will contribute to the progressive and sustainable development of aquaculture throughout the world.

MISSION
The World Aquaculture Society is organized for educational and scientific purposes to:

• Promote the educational, scientific, and technological development and advancement of aquaculture throughout the world.
• Gather and disseminate technical and other information on aquaculture worldwide.
• Hold meetings for the presentation, exchange, and discussion of information, findings, and experiences on all subjects and techniques related to aquaculture.
• Encourage the teaching of all phases of aquaculture and the training of aquaculturists.
• Encourage aquaculture research, development and education activities by government agencies, both national and international, and private.