



"Innovation, Integration and Profitability in Tilapia Aquaculture: Modernisation for a New Era"

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During an international technical seminar, “Tilapia Health: quo vadis?” jointly organised in 2021 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and INFOFISH, tilapia experts stated that the farming of tilapias and other cichlids takes place in 124 countries, providing a substantial source of food and livelihoods.

In 2022, global tilapia production recorded 7.2 million tonnes; Asia contributed the lion’s share of 4.6 million tonnes, followed by Africa (1.3 million tonnes), the Americas (0.69 million tonnes), Oceania (0.0015 million tonnes) and Europe (0.03 million tonnes) (FAO 2024). The top tilapia producing country in Asia was China, followed by Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Taiwan Province of China, Laos and Malaysia.

FAO GLOBEFISH (Issue 4/2024) reported that the global tilapia market remains stable, with overall production holding steady. However, established suppliers like China are facing production challenges due to bad weather, disease outbreaks and rising costs, thus creating opportunities for Brazilian suppliers to capture a larger market share. The prices for tilapia in most export markets are on the rise.

In terms of consumption, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Egypt, Brazil, Philippines and Vietnam have been identified as being among the giant emerging tilapia markets in the near future.

THE TILAPIA 2025 CONFERENCE

INFOFISH has organised editions of the International Trade and Technical Conference and Exposition on Tilapia since 2001. The most recent was TILAPIA 2015, held in Kuala Lumpur in 2015 with the participation of more than 250 delegates from 25 countries. The Conference brought together more than thirty speakers comprising industry leaders, government representatives, researchers and experts

who deliberated on the latest updates regarding production, markets and trade; innovations along the value and supply chains; industry initiatives on certification; and tilapia health management.

TILAPIA 2025, the 5th edition of the series, will be held in collaboration with the 13th International Symposium on Tilapia in Aquaculture (ISTA13); the University of Arizona; US Soybean Export Council (USSEC); and with technical support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Themed **“Innovation, Integration and Profitability in Tilapia Aquaculture: Modernisation for a New Era”**, TILAPIA 2025 will present updates on the production status of global, regional and major tilapia producing countries. It will also deliver consolidated information on emerging markets; innovative technological developments along the value and supply chains such as integration of farming practices, genetics and reproduction, nutrition and feed technology, biosecurity and health management; standards and certifications; wellbeing of small-scale holders and tilapia itself; policies related to investing in climate-smart, gender-focused and nutrition-sensitive aquaculture projects; value-added products; diversification of markets; and consumer awareness as per local and international market demand; which might be useful for key industry stakeholders and relevant decision-makers from the competent authorities to move forward.

Alongside the Conference, there will be an international trade exhibition which is expected to be held with the presence of about 26 exhibitors represented by leading tilapia hatcheries, farms, feed millers, buyers, processors, traders and cage manufacturers etc.

THE ORGANISERS

TILAPIA 2025 is organised by INFOFISH; and hosted by the Department of Fisheries, Thailand in collaboration with the 13th International Symposium on Tilapia in Aquaculture (ISTA13). Other important co-organisers are the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and the University of Arizona. The Conference is supported by FAO GLOBEFISH; Tilapia International Foundation (TIF), the Netherlands; Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA); Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), the University of Stirling, Scotland; the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR); the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP); and the China Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Alliance (CAPPMA). This important event will take place in the bustling city of Bangkok, Thailand, from 3-5 November 2025.

THE VENUE

The luxurious Swissotel Bangkok Ratchada is a five-star hotel located on Ratchadapisek Road, Bangkok’s new thriving central business and entertainment district, and is approximately 40 minutes away from the

REGISTRATION FEES

Member Countries

- US\$ 400

Other Countries

- US\$ 450

BENEFITS

- Full access to the Conference Sessions
- Access to the Exhibition
- Access to Conference Presentations
- Conference Kit
- Face-to-face Networking Opportunities
- AM/PM Breaks and Lunches



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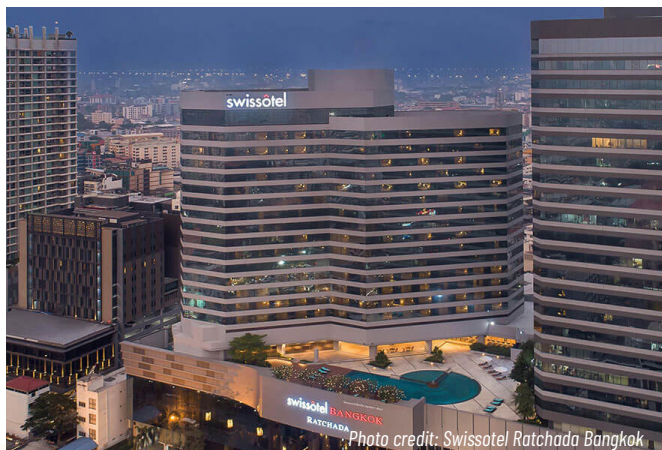


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Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The Huai Khwang train station is a two-minute walk from the hotel with Bangkok's prime tourist attractions, central business district and convention centre just a few train stations away.

WHY ATTEND

Over three days, **TILAPIA 2025** will feature an international trade exhibition and farm visit, with world-class speakers who will deliver updated, relevant and useful information on emerging tilapia markets; technological innovations; and investment opportunities in the tilapia industry relevant to stakeholders, industry leaders and decision-makers.

It also presents a golden opportunity for commercial tilapia industry stakeholders to unite together with a view to forming a regional tilapia association, and to move forward the dialogue on re-establishing tilapia as a preferred fish for farming and consumption. It will create opportunities to foster plenty of C-Suite networking and significant brand visibility; as well as greater collaboration among key stakeholders in order to build a sustainable and resilient tilapia industry.

A "Meet the Authors" side-event will allow attendees to meet and greet the experts of their choice. Meanwhile, the Tilapia International Foundation will present the Monsignor Heine Award to a distinguished researcher/scientist who has been deemed to have contributed significantly to the global body of work on tilapia farming.

Additionally, **TILAPIA 2025** offers a farm visit (optional) opportunity to witness the latest developments in Thailand's tilapia industry. Scientists and researchers will also have the opportunity to present posters and disseminate latest findings on tilapia.

TILAPIA 2025 offers the following unique opportunities:

- » Meeting world-class experts and resource persons
- » Formation of a regional tilapia association
- » A 3-day international trade exhibition
- » Better brand visibility
- » Plenty of C-Suite networking

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

TILAPIA 2025 will be the perfect place for one-to-one business meetings, updates on state-of-the-art technologies and C-Suite networking with the major global tilapia industry players including :

- Representatives from fisheries and aquaculture agencies
- CEOs, CTOs and CMOs
- Experts from research institutes
- Academia
- Development partners
- Investors and industry leaders
- Broodstock suppliers
- Farm managers
- Tilapia associations
- Start-up companies
- Feed millers
- Nutritionists
- Aquatic animal health experts
- Traders, exporters and importers
- Seafood media
- NGO representatives
- Processors and packers
- Equipment suppliers
- Certification and standard agencies
- Tilapia welfare associations

FARM VISIT*

A post-conference trip to a tilapia farm in the locality will be organised.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Global and regional overview: Lessons learned from the major producers and international tilapia trade
- Country focus: Progressive schemes for industry resilience
- Re-branding tilapia through innovations and integrations to ensure better efficiency, high profitability for producers and safer, healthier food for consumers
- Manoeuvring volatility in global demand and supply

Day 1

Opening Ceremony: In collaboration with the hosting agency (Department of Fisheries, Thailand)

Keynote Address: **"Innovation, Integration and Profitability in Tilapia Aquaculture: Modernisation for a New Era"** by the Conference Chair of TILAPIA 2025: Prof Dr Kevin Fitzsimmons (The University of Arizona, USA)

Session 1: Global and Regional Overview of Major Tilapia Producing Regions and Markets (Plenary Session)

"Global Overview of Major Tilapia Producing Regions and Markets" (Presentation)

Regional Overviews (Presentation followed by Panel Discussion)

1.1. Africa; Tilapia farming in Africa: Sustainability, Marketability and Food Security (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- Egypt
- Kenya
- Ghana

1.2. Asia; Emerging Tilapia Producers and Exporters in South and Southeast Asia (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- Bangladesh
- China
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vietnam

1.3. Latin America and the Caribbean; The Global Epicentre for Sustainable & Fresh Tilapia Fillet Production and Export (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Mexico

1.4. Middle East; Tilapia Farming in the Drought and Water Scarce Regions (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- Saudi Arabia
- UAE

1.5. Oceania; Expanding Sustainable Tilapia Production in the Pacific: Moving forward together (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- Australia
- Fiji
- Papua New Guinea
- Timor- Leste

1.6. Europe; Tilapia vs Other Whitefishes in European Markets (Presentation)

Panel discussion will highlight:

- AIPCE-CEP
- CONXEMER

Day 2

Session 1: Developments in tilapia genetics and reproduction

Session 2: Sustainable tilapia production technologies

Session 3: Advancing tilapia nutrition and feed technology

Session 4: Biosecurity and health management

Day 3

Session 1: Value addition and market diversification

Session 2: Collaboration and partnership

Session 3: Strengthening investment and funding

Session 4: Tilapia welfare and certification

Farm visit*

** Optional and based on registration.*