



**12th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum
and the
Asian Fisheries Society's 35th Year Foundation Anniversary
8 – 12 April 2019
Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City, Philippines**

Introduction: The Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) in partnership with the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) and the University of the Philippine Visayas Foundation, Inc (UPVFI) are proud to host the 12th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (12AFAF) on 8 - 12 April 2019 to be held at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City, Philippines. The conference will showcase recent advances in fisheries and aquaculture research and development in Asia. The theme of the forum is “Transforming Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture for Sustainable Production and Nutrition.” We welcome scientists, researchers, managers, practitioners from around the world to attend this remarkable forum.

The AFS, founded in 1984 by seven fisheries scientist from Southeast Asia, holds a triennial forum since 1986. The Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF), formerly known as the Asian Fisheries Forum (AFF), is being held to promote scientific interaction among its members and the community. By bringing together aquaculture and fisheries scientists and stakeholders from the Asia-Pacific region, the forum provides a venue to discuss regional priorities, common problems, and research findings.

Each forum updates the participants of recent trends and on-going research results in the region. It provides a unique opportunity to learn and evaluate research and also provides the much-needed scientific advice to policymakers, managers, and planners.

The forum has been convened 11 times to date, around the ASEAN region:

1 st AFF	1986	Manila, Philippines
2 nd AFF	1989	Tokyo, Japan
3 rd AFF	1992	Singapore
4 th AFF	1995	Beijing, China
5 th AFF	1998	Chiang Mai, Thailand
6 th AFF	2001	Kaohsiung, Taiwan
7 th AFF	2004	Penang, Malaysia
8 th AFF	2007	Kochi, India
9 th AFAF	2011	Shanghai, China
10 th AFAF	2013	Yeosu, Korea
11 th AFAF	2016	Bangkok, Thailand.

The AFS will celebrate its 35th year of foundation during the 12AFAF.

12AFAF website: <http://12afaf.net/>.



Scientific Sessions:

The 12AFAF has one keynote lecture, two plenary sessions with four speakers, and 10 concurrent scientific sessions under the following topics

- Session 1: Sustainable Fisheries
- Session 2: Aquaculture
- Session 3: Aquafeed and Nutrition
- Session 4: Genetics Biotechnology
- Session 5: Aquatic Animal Health Management
- Session 6: Fishery Biology, Toxicology and Environment
- Session 7: Seaweed farming: Future Prospects for food and feeds
- Session 8: Post-harvest, Food Safety, and Processing Technology
- Session 9: Socio-Economics, Gender, Capacity Building and Livelihood
- Session 10: Fisheries Policy and Governance

Each session has offers opportunities for oral, poster, and flash talk presentations. There will be other special sessions and events to stimulate networking. A competition for student researches finished during SY 2016-2017 and SY 2017-2018 is for oral, poster, and flash talk presentation.

Key Dates

15 Jul 2018	Abstract submission opens
15 Nov 2018	Marketplace application opens
	Early bird registration opens
	Abstract submission closes
30 November 2018	Abstract notification release starts
1 March 2019	Early bird registraton closes
	Marketplace application ends
2 March 2019	Regular registration starts
8 April 2019	Forum begins
12 April 2019	Field trip
	Forum ends

Organizers:

The **ASIAN FISHERIES SOCIETY (AFS)** is a regional association of scientists in the Asia-Pacific region with headquarters in Universiti Putra Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia. Its mission is to undertake activities that will lead to the acceleration of research for the improved production and management of fisheries and aquaculture resources for sustainable benefits of present and future generations. The AFS is guided by the following objectives: (a) to promote effective interaction and cooperation among the scientists and technicians involved in fisheries research and development in Asia-Pacific with a view to encouraging and facilitating research activity complementation, sharing of information, capacity building and publication of research results; (b) to create and



propagate an awareness of the importance and the ways of sustainable utilization, cultivation, conservation and development of aquatic resources in the region; (c) to promote the establishment of sections and local branches of the Society and national fisheries and aquaculture societies, and to seek affiliation and cooperation with societies, organizations and institutions having similar objectives. See more details on AFS here: <http://asianfisheriessociety.org/>

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