

The 8th International Symposium on Cage Aquaculture in Asia (CAA8)

Conference theme: “Green and Smart Development of Cage Aquaculture in Asia”

July 15th - 18th, 2026

Nha Trang, Vietnam

Organized by: Asian Fisheries Society (AFS)

Nha Trang University (NTU)

Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU)

China-ASEAN Belt and Road Joint Laboratory on Mariculture Technology



Co-organized by: Ocean University of China

Centre for Ecological Aquaculture



1. Background

Sea Cage and offshore aquaculture are playing an increasingly important role in ensuring sustainable aquatic food production and environmental stewardship. To foster academic exchange, knowledge sharing, and collaboration in this field, the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS), in partnership with Nha Trang University (NTU), Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU), and the Ocean University of China (OUC), will convene the 8th International Symposium on Cage Aquaculture in Asia (CAA8) in Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam, from July 16-18, 2026.

The main objectives of the symposium are to review the current status of cage aquaculture, address critical challenges, and explore innovative solutions for its sustainable development. Although focusing on cage aquaculture, the symposium will also consider advances in the broader field of aquaculture and how they apply to cage culture. Through plenary and parallel sessions, CAA8 will focus on key themes including production systems, breeding and seed production, nutrition and feed, environmental sustainability and carbon dynamics, health and biosecurity, as well as socio-economics, livelihoods, and governance.

2. Symposium Organization Institution

a) Organizers

- Asian Fisheries Society (AFS): <https://www.asianfisheriessociety.org/>
- Nha Trang University (NTU): <https://ntu.edu.vn/>
- Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU): <https://www.shou.edu.cn/eng/>
- China-ASEAN Belt and Road Joint Laboratory on Mariculture Technology

b) Co-organizers

- Ocean University of China: <https://eweb.ouc.edu.cn/>
- Centre for Ecological Aquaculture

c) Sponsors (confirmed):

Platinum Sponsors:

- MarLumina, LLC (<https://marlumina.com/>)
- Australis Aquaculture Vietnam Limited (<https://www.thebetterfish.com/>)

Friend Sponsors:

- Long Sinh Co., Ltd (<https://longsinh.com.vn/en/>)

3. Theme and Schedule

a) Theme: *“Green and Smart Development of Cage Aquaculture in Asia”*

• **Session I: Cage and Offshore Aquaculture Systems:** Focus on technological innovations, IOT, engineering designs, and management practices for sustainable cage and offshore aquaculture.

• **Session II: Breeding, Seed Production, and Genetic Improvement:** Focus on broodstock management, seed production, and genetic resources for resilient aquaculture development.

- **Session III: Nutrition, Feed, and Resource Efficiency and Seafood Processing:** Focus on nutrition research, feed innovations, and strategies for optimizing feed efficiency and reducing environmental impact.

- **Session IV: Environment, Climate, Climate Change and Carbon Dynamics:** Focus on environmental sustainability, biofouling, ecosystem services, and the role of cage aquaculture in carbon balance and climate adaptation.

- **Session V: Health Management, Biosecurity and Governance in Aquaculture:** Discuss fish health, disease prevention, diagnostics, and biosecurity practices to ensure sustainable production.

- **Session VI: Sustainable Welfare, Socio-economics, Livelihoods and Gender in Aquaculture:** Focus on optimum stocking density, water quality management, animal behavior monitoring, welfare assessment and evaluation, and humane slaughter to ensure farmed fish health and well-being.

- **Session VII: Poster session**

- **Session VIII: Special session in Vietnamese for Fishery industries and Policy Makers in Vietnam.**

b) Conference Schedule

Time	Event	Note
Day 1 (July 15, 2026)		
9h00 - 17h00	AFS and Organizing Committee meeting	Organizing Committee
	Delegate registration	Secretariat
Day 2 (July 16, 2026)		
8h00 - 9h00	Delegate registration	Secretariat
9h00 - 10h00	Opening Ceremony	Organizing Committee
10h00 - 12h00	Plenary Session	Scientific Committee
13h00 - 17h00	Parallel Sessions	Scientific Committee
Day 3 (July 17, 2026)		
9h00 - 12h00	Plenary Session	Scientific Committee
13h00 - 16h00	Parallel Sessions	Scientific Committee
16h00 - 17h00	Closing Ceremony	Organizing Committee
19h00 - 22h00	Gala dinner	Secretariat
Day 4 (July 18, 2026)		
9h00 - 17h00	Fieldtrip	Secretariat

4. Conference Format and Activities

The symposium will be held on-site. The conference will be conducted in English, and plenary speakers will have 30 minutes for their presentations, while other experts and scholars will have 15 minutes for their oral presentations. There will be a poster exhibition for showcasing significant research and production technology achievements.

5. Date, Venue, and Registration

a) **Date:** July 15th to July 18th, 2026

b) **On-site Venue:** Nha Trang University, Vietnam. Address: No. 2 Nguyen Dinh Chieu Street, Bac Nha Trang Ward, Khanh Hoa province, Vietnam.

c) Important Dates

March 31, 2026 (new)	Abstract submission
January 30, 2026	Registration open
April 30, 2026 (new)	Abstract acceptance
June 30, 2026 (new)	Full manuscript submission
June 30, 2026 (new)	Registration close
July 16-18, 2026	Conference dates

* For all the abstracts submitted before February 28, acceptance letters will be sent to authors by March 31, 2026.

d) Registration Fees and Payment Options

Category	Before May 15, 2026	After May 15, 2026
Delegates	250 USD	300 USD
AFS Member	200 USD	250 USD
Student	190 USD	230 USD
Student from AFS member institution	150 USD	180 USD
Vietnamese delegates	150 USD	180 USD
Vietnamese students	100 USD	130 USD

*AFS Membership Guidelines: <https://www.asianfisheriessociety.org/membership-guidelines.php>. Email: info@asianfisheriessociety.org

The bank information

- Account name: Nha Trang University
- Account number: 129000156702
- Bank name: Vietnam Joint Stock Commercial Bank for Industry and Trade
- SWIFT code: ICBVNVX580
- Transfer reference: Company/Organization [Name of company] register for participation in CAA8 Symposium.

When you transfer the **registration fee**, please put your **full name** that appeared as your registration form in the box of remark content. Please recheck information carefully before transferring money and kindly send us the invoice via email caa8@ntu.edu.vn after completing your transfer for double check. The registration fee should be transferred before **June 30, 2026**.

QR Code for Registration:**6. Proposed Keynote Speakers and Invited Speakers (to be confirmed)**

a) Prof.Dr. Patrick Sorgeloos

Emeritus Professor, Ghent University; Field: Aquaculture, Marine Biology

b) Prof.Dr. Neil Loneragan

Emeritus Professor, Murdoch University; Field: Marine Ecology & Conservation

c) Prof.AI Qing-hui

Professor & Dean, College of Fisheries, Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China
Field: Feed & Nutrition

d) Dr. Yuan Derun

NACA; Field: Aquaculture Governance

e) Prof.CHEN Liang-biao

Shanghai Ocean University, Shanghai, China; Field: Fish Genetics and Breeding

f) Assoc.Prof.Dr. Ching Fui Fui

Director, Higher Institution Centers of Excellence, Borneo Marine Research Institute
Field: Fish Breeding, Marine Farming

g) Assoc.Prof. Dr. Rex Ferdinand Traifalga

Professor, University of the Philippines Visayas; Field: Nutritional Immunology

h) Prof.Dr. Le Minh Hoang and Assoc.Prof.Dr. Pham Duc Hung

School of Fisheries and Life Sciences, Nha Trang University; Field: Aquaculture

7. Visa Application Guide for Vietnam

a) Vietnam Visa-Free Entry Policy Guide

A Vietnam e-visa is a 90-day electronic travel document for eligible foreigners, applied for online through the official government website. It can be single or multiple-entry and costs \$25 for a single entry or \$50 for a multiple entry. You will need to upload a passport photo and a scan of your passport's data page during the application process.

b) How to apply

- Apply through the Vietnam National Electronic Visa system at: <https://evisa.gov.vn/>. For more information, please consult the local Vietnamese Embassy or Consulate in your country or contact NTU staff at: linhhhd@ntu.edu.vn

8. Transportation and Accommodation

a) Transportation

Cam Ranh International Airport (<https://www.camranh.aero/en>) serves as the primary aviation gateway to Nha Trang - Khanh Hoa, boasting a diverse network of direct international flights to major Asian hubs such as South Korea (Seoul, Busan), China (Guangzhou, Shanghai, Chengdu, Shenzhen, Beijing), Taiwan (Taipei), and Hong Kong, as well Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur (seasonal/charter). The airport operates high-frequency domestic flights to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, facilitating convenient international transit, and is located just 40 km from the NTU campus.

Transportation in Nha Trang is highly convenient and affordable for participants. Delegates arriving at Cam Ranh International Airport have multiple transfer options, including taxis with typical fares ranging from VND 350.000 - 450.000 (USD 13-18) to per vehicle, depending on vehicle type (5- or 7-seater). Airport shuttle buses priced at

approximately VND 65,000 - 100,000 per person (USD 3-5).

Within Nha Trang City, metered taxis, around VND 15,000-17,000 (USD 0.6-0.8) per kilometer and ride-hailing services such as Grab are widely available, ensuring reliable, efficient, and low-cost transportation between hotels, the city center and NTU campus.

b) Accommodation

As Vietnam's premier beach tourism destination, Nha Trang boasts a rich and diverse accommodation network capable of fully meeting the requirements of large-scale international conferences. Within a 5 km radius of Nha Trang University (NTU), there are hundreds of 2 to 5-star hotels catering to various delegate segments, ranging from scholars and policymakers to businesses and international organizations.

Detailed Guideline here: <https://tinyurl.com/44ekjefn/>

9. Field trip (Optional)

a) Fieldtrip to Marine Cage Farming & Hatchery and Hoa Lan Island

- Time: 08:00 – 17:00, July 18, 2026
- Fee: USD 60/pax, pay by cash at reception desk

b) Program and fee

Time	Activity	Key Learning Objectives
08:00	Departure	
09:00	Fin fish Hatcheries (Vinh Luong)	Observe low-overhead larval rearing and local methods for fingerling production.
10:00	Nha Phu Bay Transit	Short travel to the pier for boat boarding.
10:30	Wooden Floating Farms (Nha Phu Bay)	Visit traditional grow-out cages (Grouper, Snapper, or Cobia). Discuss local feed management and cage durability.
	Option 1	Option 2
12:30	Lunch at a harbor restaurant	Lunch at a restaurant in Hoa Lan Island
14:00	Visiting Sea Grapes Production, Processing, and Trading Showroom	Visiting the ecotourism Suoi Hoa Lan, natural beauty of the sea and the fresh air of the woods, waterfalls (Ninh Hoa)
16:00	Return	Return
17:00	Drop-off at NTU/hotels	

10. Contact Information

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