

International Symposium on Fishery Sustainability 2023

● Introduction

The symposium is scheduled to take place on November 17, 2023, at the National Sun Yat-sen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. It aims to address the critical challenges and issues facing the global fishing industry, such as overfishing, environmental degradation, and resource depletion. In order to promote sustainable fishery and raise awareness among stakeholders in the distant water fishery, FCF, the Environment & Animal Society of Taiwan (EAST) have jointly organized this event. The objective is to provide a platform for government agencies, academia, industry, and non-governmental organizations to engage in discussions, share experiences, and seek collaborative solutions. We hope to identify industry problems and explore effective approaches to address the current challenges related to marine resources and fisheries.

● Organizer

- FCF Co., Ltd. (FCF)
- Environment & Animal Society of Taiwan (EAST)

● Co-Organizer

- Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Agriculture (Taiwan)
- Alumni Service Center, National Sun Yat-sen University
- College of Marine Sciences, National Sun Yat-sen University
- The Carrefour Foundation

● Event Information

- Date: November 17th, 2023 (Friday)
- Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Location: National Sun Yat-sen University, National Research Building
- Number of Attendees: about 80-100 participants.

- **Event Context**

This event aspires to bring together sustainability experts, scholars, and industry representatives from the international community to engage in meaningful discussions about the sustainable blueprint and future direction of the fishing industry. Participants will have the opportunity to share practical insights and showcase technological advancements in sustainable seafood sourcing. These discussions will encompass the crucial role of scientific data in advancing fisheries sustainability, preserving marine biodiversity, and establishing robust seafood traceability mechanisms.

By fostering these dynamic conversations, the event seeks to cultivate a shared vision among stakeholders and drive effective advocacy for relevant policy formulation and implementation. Additionally, it aims to forge collaborative partnerships across different sectors, thereby paving the way towards the realization of sustainable fisheries development goals.

- **Keynote Speeches**

A central objective of this event is to foster collaboration among diverse stakeholders in envisioning a future blueprint for sustainable fisheries. This will be facilitated by the guidance of an internationally renowned expert who will deliver keynote speeches. These addresses will delve into the significant challenges confronting the industry and propose viable solutions at the core of the sustainable fishing blueprint.

- **Cross-Sector Panel Discussion**

The panel discussion will revolve around three main themes: "Sustainable Sourcing" "Maintaining Marine Biodiversity" and "Establishing Seafood Traceability Mechanism."

Session 1: Sustainable Sourcing

Explore the importance of scientific data and technology in deep-sea fishing sustainability. Experts, including fisheries verification organizations and government representatives, will discuss the role of modern tools like electronic observers in meeting international demands and challenges. Delve into global development and Taiwan's current status on relevant technologies.

Session 2: Maintaining Marine Biodiversity

Addressing purse seine fishing aggregating devices (FADs) and bycatch mitigation in longline fishing. Learn from practical cases using Jelly-FAD, a biodegradable device, for improvements. Experts will share real-life examples and strategies to identify and reduce bycatch, encouraging industry-wide action towards conservation.

Session 3: Establishing Seafood Traceability

The final session will highlight the significance of promoting seafood traceability and transparency. Experts and industry representatives will discuss the vision for its development. Participants will explore the implementation of traceability mechanisms to ensure ethical sourcing, sustainability, and accountability in the seafood supply chain.

- **Objectives:**

- Foster exchange and collaboration opportunities among various industries.
- Envision a sustainable future for the fishing industry in cooperation with all stakeholders, seeking consensus for mutual development and prosperity.
- Address the current challenges faced by the industry and work together to find effective solutions.

● **Event Agenda (*The agenda is subject to possible changes)**

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No.	Time	Minutes		Content	Speaker
A	09:30-09:40	10		Opening Remark	FCF / EAST / National Sun Yat-sen University
B	09:40-10:00	20		Distinguished Guest's Remark & Group Photo	
C	10:00-10:30	30		Keynote Speech: Fishery Blueprint	Executive Director, Oceans 5 - Chuck Fox
D	10:30-12:00	90	Moderator	Session 1: Sustainable Sourcing	
D-1	10:30-10:45	15	Lisa Tsai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific data: The importance of scientific information and analysis for sustainable fisheries, Using Label-MSC&FIP as an example 	Key Traceability – Tom Evans
D-2	11:00-11:15	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International development of electronic observers Satlinks 	Satlink - Javier de la Cal
D-3	11:15-11:30	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taiwan's current situation and policies (How to improve overall coverage) 	Taiwan Fisheries Agency
D-4	11:30-12:00	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion 	
E	12:00-13:00	60		Lunch	
F	13:00-14:00	60	Moderator	Session 2: Maintaining Marine Biodiversity	
F-1	13:00-13:15	15	National Sun Yat-sen University - Dr. Te-Yu Liao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements in purse seine fishing - Jelly FAD case study 	SPC - Lauriane Escalle
F-2	13:15-13:30	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions to improve endangered species in longline fisheries: How to identify and improve bycatch & case study 	ISSF - Hilario Murua
F-3	13:30-14:00	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion 	Panelist: Taiwan Wild Bird Federation - Scott Pursner
G	14:00-14:15	15		Break	
H	14:15-15:30	75	Moderator	Session 3 : Establishing Seafood Traceability Mechanism	
H-1	14:15-14:30	15	National Sun Yat-sen University - Dr. Shiau-Yun Lu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting seafood traceability and transparency 	EAST
H-2	14:30-14:45	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical case study of traceability mechanism (1) 	Bureau Veritas - Andrew Lee
H-3	14:45-15:00	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical case study of traceability mechanism (2) - Market Perspectives 	Bumble Bee Seafood - Natalie Chin
H-4	15:00-15:30	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion 	
I	15:30-16:00	30		Closing Remark	FCF

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