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WORLD SEAFOOD CONGRESS 2026

9 - 11 February 2026

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Sustainable Solutions for Inclusive Growth

Building a safer, fair and resilient global seafood trade

Conference • Workshops • Poster Competition • Trade Fair • Peter Howgate Awards • Technical Visits

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Welcome to World Seafood Congress 2026

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President,
International Association of
Fish Inspectors (IAFI)



On behalf of the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI), I am delighted to announce that the World Seafood Congress 2026 (WSC2026) will be held for the first time in India at the Chennai Trade Centre from February 9 – 11, 2026, Chennai. IAFI is recognised by the UN Social and Economic Affairs Committee as representing stakeholders in the global supply chain for aquatic food and feed products, of both plant and animal origin. As a globally recognised platform, WSC2026 will unite industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders from across the seafood supply chain—covering harvesting, processing, marketing, sustainability, and food safety. This congress fosters collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, ensuring a fair, sustainable, and resilient global seafood trade.

Chennai joins a prestigious list of past host cities, including Halifax, Vancouver, The Hague, Sydney, Dublin, Washington DC, Reykjavik, Penang, and more. With its dynamic and globally integrated seafood sector, India is set to make WSC2026 an impactful edition.

We invite producers, processors, trade associations, government agencies, regulatory bodies, NGOs, researchers, and industry experts to participate and engage in meaningful discussions shaping the future of seafood trade.

Hope to see you there!

Features of World Seafood Congress

Conference - Three days of debate and discussions about the critical issues impacting safe, sustainable and equitable seafood trade

Workshops - Discussions on critical issues impacting the international seafood supply chain

Poster Competition - Showcasing the latest research and innovations to solve some of the most complex seafood supply chain problems that impact livelihoods of seafood communities around the world

Trade Fair - Meet and talk to companies working in the seafood supply chain helping to achieve efficiency in seafood production, warehousing, distribution, logistics, safety and certification

Peter Howgate Awards - An award to cover the full costs of WSC attendance for young fish technologists

Technical Visits - Get up close and personal with visits to India's seafood industry operations to see first hand how they are growing this important sector

Event Schedule

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Pre Conferences &
Workshops

9 - 11

February 2026

Conference, Tradefair
and Networking
Events

12

February 2026

Technical Visits

World Seafood Congress 2026 – India Takes the Global Stage

India's successful bid to host the World Seafood Congress 2026 (WSC2026) marks a significant milestone in its journey as a global leader in seafood production and exports. As one of the world's top seafood-exporting nations, India has built a formidable reputation through sustainable aquaculture, stringent regulatory frameworks, and cutting-edge technological advancements.

Competing against strong contenders from across the globe, India secured this prestigious event with proactive government support, industry expertise, and a rapidly expanding blue economy.

The World Seafood Congress (WSC) brings together global seafood trade leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore the latest innovations, sustainability practices, and emerging trends impacting on safe sustainable seafood trade. Organized by the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI)—a globally recognized NGO affiliated with the United Nations—WSC sets new benchmarks for global seafood trade, fostering collaboration, innovation, and progress.

Previously hosted by countries such as the USA, UK, Iceland, Malaysia, Canada, Australia and Portugal, WSC is renowned for shaping the future of seafood trade. Now, India proudly joins this league of nations, offering an unparalleled platform for industry stakeholders.

India's Seafood Trade

With its rich marine resources, expansive coastline, and thriving aquaculture industry, India has become one of the top seafood-exporting nations, contributing significantly to global seafood demand. Some key highlights of India's remarkable growth in the seafood sector include:

- India ranks among the world's largest producers of fish and shrimp, contributing significantly to global seafood supply.
- With Government support and proactive policies ensuring sustainable fishing, biosecurity measures, and trade compliance, India is setting global benchmarks in seafood safety and quality.
- India has made significant strides in seafood processing, value-added products, cold chain logistics, and digital tracking systems, ensuring compliance with international safety and quality standards.
- India exports seafood to 100+ countries, with major markets including the USA, EU, China, Japan, and the Middle East. With increasing demand for sustainably sourced seafood, India is well-positioned to enhance its global trade footprint.
- With satellite-assisted fisheries monitoring, biosecurity measures, Corporate Social Responsibility Measures and R&D collaborations, India is shaping the future of responsible seafood production.

With a rapidly evolving blue economy, robust infrastructure, and a growing focus on sustainability and equitable trade, India is set to make WSC2026 a landmark event that shapes the future of global seafood trade and industry transformation.

Pre-Conference

Workshops for Developing Countries, supported by:

- International Association of Fish Inspectors
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- CGIAR Worldfish

Themes to be addressed:

- Challenges of Market Access for Developing Countries (the Trade-Development Nexus, food safety and sustainability compliance)
- Strengthening contribution of aquatic products to nutritional and inclusive sustainable livelihoods (FAO school feeding programs linking small-scale fishers)
- Role of non-traditional products and technologies in development (seaweeds, molluscs, safe processing, gender inclusivity)
- Bridging the finance gap for small scale blue economy operators in developing countries

Conference

Theme: Sustainable Solutions for Inclusive Growth - Building a safer, fair and resilient global seafood trade

A three-day intensive conference featuring keynote speeches, special addresses, and technical presentations (both oral and posters) will be conducted by experts, industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders from around the world to discuss and collaborate on key issues related to the seafood sector.

Thematic Areas

- Health hazards, safety and nutrition of seafood
- Challenges in seafood regulation, inspection and control
- Assessing seafood safety and quality
- Carbon neutrality and the seafood sector
- Markets for Sustainability Certification and Sectoral Responses
- Ethical dimension of the seafood trade
- Corporate social responsibility in seafood supply
- Solutions to Forced Labour
- Seaweeds and macro/microalgae – blue food of the future
- Markets and distribution trends in the shrimp and crustacean trade
- Science, processing technology and utilisation of aquatic products

Who should attend:

- Academic Researchers
- Consultants
- Consumer Insights Analysts
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Managers
- Culinary Experts and Chefs
- Educational Program Coordinators
- Environmental Advocates
- Fishery Scientists
- Marine Biologists
- Marine Policy Analysts
- Policy Makers, Regulatory and Compliance Officers
- Primary Producers (Fishers & Aquaculture Operators)
- Seafood Processors
- Seafood Safety Inspectors
- Supply Chain and Logistics Managers
- Sustainability Experts
- Technology Developers
- Trade Journalists and Media Personnel
- Waste Management Specialists

Abstract Submission

Researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, and academicians are invited to submit abstracts showcasing their innovative work in the fields of fisheries, aquaculture, seafood processing, sustainability, and global trade on the above thematic areas.

Indicate whether oral or poster presentation

Submission Format Guidelines:

- Font: Times New Roman 12
- Title: Capitals and bold
- Authors: Italics and bold, and the presenting author also underlined
- Please include affiliations of all authors and the e-mail address of the presenting author
- Only abstracts in English will be accepted
- Abstract Max 250 words, not including the title, authors and affiliations
- Only ONE-page abstracts will be accepted (including figures or tables)
- Please be aware that it is your responsibility to fill in all the data correctly and completely. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific facts will be reproduced as typed by the author
- Only ONE abstract per registration (author or co-author) will be accepted
- If you wish to include an image, table or a figure please submit it as a jpeg or png file
- Image files should be embedded in the final section.
- Figures, tables and graphics submitted in the abstract must follow the standard formatting set out in ACS rules available at: https://pubs.acs.org/page/4authors/submission_guide

Authors of accepted abstracts are required to register as delegates to present at the Congress

Abstract Deadline: 30 November 2025

Submission Link: <https://wsc2026.com/abstract-submission>



Poster Competition

World Seafood Congress 2026 (WSC2026) offers a unique platform for researchers, industry professionals, and academicians to showcase their innovative work through poster presentations. This session is designed to highlight cutting-edge research, emerging trends, and industry advancements in the fisheries, aquaculture, seafood processing, sustainability, and trade sectors.

Posters should meet the following specifications

- Please print posts in A0 size portrait format (90 cm wide and 120cm high)
- It is recommended to use MS Powerpoint to design your slides and select A3 as the custom slide size, with width and height measurements 90cm and 120cm respectively)
- Key references and bibliography should be included.
- Please ensure that any images or figures included on your poster are captioned and if they are taken from other sources, they should have a citation.
- Once you have finished your poster in PowerPoint, export/save the file as a PDF.
- Only posters submitted by pdf will be considered

Note:

- You will be informed if your poster has been accepted and provided with a poster number.
- Congress organisers will provide stands for mounting the posters.
- You are responsible for printing, and for mounting your poster at the Congress
- Applicants whose posters are accepted for presentation at WSC2026 will be required to register for the Congress (students qualify for a reduced rate).

Cash prizes for the best posters reflecting a theme of the Congress will be presented by IAFI (First Prize US\$300)

For more information visit: <https://wsc2026.com/posters-and-presentations>

Deadline for submission: 30 November 2025



Trade Fair

The concurrent trade fair at the World Seafood Congress offers a dynamic platform to showcase the latest innovations in equipment for processing, supply chains, packaging, testing, analytics, and auditing, empowering seafood export businesses to accelerate their trade and export capabilities. With a sharp focus on technological advancements and industry-specific innovations, the trade fair is a must-attend event for seafood exporters looking to revolutionize their approach to the seafood business and stay ahead in an ever-evolving market.

Exhibitor Profile

- Aquaculture System Manufacturers
- Aquafeed Industry
- Aquatic Animal Welfare Organisations
- Cold Chain Technology and Equipment Suppliers
- Edible Oil Manufacturers
- Marine Biotechnology Firms
- Marine Spatial Planning and Management Solutions
- Seafood Logistics and Transportation Services
- Seafood Machinery Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services
- Seafood Marketing and Branding Agencies
- Seafood Packaging & Processing Machinery & Solutions
- Seafood Quality Control and Testing Laboratories
- Seafood Safety and Compliance Solutions
- Seafood Supply Chain Solutions
- Seafood Sustainability Certification Bodies
- Seaweed Manufacturers
- Shipping Companies
- Sustainable Fishing Technology Providers
- Technology Providers linked to fish production and trade

Visitor Profile

- Fishers and aquaculture operators
- Hospitality and Culinary Professionals
- Investors and Entrepreneurs
- NGOs and Community Leaders
- Regulators and Competent Authorities
- Seafood Exporters & Importers
- Seafood Industry Professionals
- Seafood Stockists, Distributors & Retailers
- Supermarket Chains



Peter Howgate Award

This Award is a tribute to the late Peter Howgate's work and career, and recognition of his immense contribution to the field of fish technology and the people who work in it. The Award was set up by fish technology professionals around the world and adopted by IAFI in 2014. The Award will fund the attendance at WSC2026 of young fish technologists (under 30 years of age), providing them with the chance to participate in this prestigious international event and interact with industry leaders. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to showcase your talent and make a lasting impact in the field.

Deadline for submission: 10 October 2025

For more information and applications please visit:
www.iafi.net
www.peterhowgateaward.com

WSC 2023
Winner



Polina Rusanova
from Russia

Technical Visits

As part of the World Seafood Congress 2026, exclusive technical visits will be organised on additional charges to provide delegates with first-hand insights into India's dynamic seafood industry. These curated visits will offer a unique opportunity to explore state-of-the-art seafood processing facilities, aquaculture farms, research institutions, and port infrastructure, showcasing India's advancements in sustainable seafood production, quality assurance, and export capabilities.

Potential Visit Locations

- **Modern Seafood Processing Units** – Explore export-oriented seafood factories implementing global quality standards.
- **Aquaculture Farms** – Visit shrimp, fish, and mollusc farms using sustainable and innovative practices.
- **Fisheries Research Centers** – Gain knowledge from scientific experts working on marine conservation and resource management.
- **Major Fishing Harbors & Ports** – Witness the operations of India's bustling seafood export network.

These technical visits will allow participants to see innovation in action, understand industry best practices, and gain valuable insights into India's thriving seafood sector.



Participation Options

Delegate Registration

Registration Category	Participation Fees/ Delegate
Indian Delegates	
Delegates	INR 18000*
Fish Farmers	INR 10000*
Students	INR 3000*
International Delegates	
Developing Countries/ Students	USD 300*
Other Countries	USD 650*

Note:

- Registration price mentioned above is per delegate
- Registration price includes biennial subscription to IAFI (Not applicable for Students and Fish Farmers)

Students from India

- Delegates are required to present ID proof at the time of payment.
- Student Access includes Conference and Trade Fair only.**
Food & Beverages are not included.
- Students are required to obtain a permission letter from their Dean or HOD prior to the registration.

International Delegates (Developing countries / Students)

- Includes: Nationals of Least Developed countries, and Low- and Middle-Income countries as listed by OECD at <https://bit.ly/4IGgRWK>
- Also includes members of UN Organisations

Terms & Conditions

- Registration will not be confirmed until the payment has been received.
- Registrations cannot be cancelled after 30th January 2026.
- Registrations can be transferred until 5 Jan 2026.
- Congress registration dollar rates are based on the prevailing exchange rates of dollars for the international participants. Subject to drastic currency fluctuations rates could be revised.
- The Congress Organisers have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the details at the time of printing, but reserve the right to alter or delete items from the program or the services as circumstances require

Exhibition Participation Option

Registration Category	Participation Fees
Indian Registered Companies	
Bare Space (Min 36 sqm)	INR 12000 per sqm*
Shell Space (Min 9 sqm)	INR 13000 per sqm*
Companies Registered outside India	
Bare Space (Min 36 sqm)	USD 250 per sqm*
Shell Space (Min 9 sqm)	USD 300 per sqm*

*Local taxes will be added as applicable at the time of final billing, Current applicable GST @ 18%.

Branding Opportunities

Branding Options	INR*	USD*
Platinum Partner	20 Lakh	25000
Gold Partner	15 Lakh	18750
Silver Partner	10 Lakh	12500
Delegate Lunch Partner	12 Lakh	14200
Congress Bag Partner	8 Lakh	9450
Badges and Lanyards Partner	8 Lakh	9450
Session Partner	10 Lakh	12500
Registration Area Partner	6 Lakh	7100
Chair Tag Partner	5 Lakh	5910
Indoor & Outdoor Signage Partner	5 Lakh	5910





Chennai

The host city for the World Seafood Congress 2026, enjoys mild and comfortable weather in February, making it an ideal destination for international delegates. With temperatures ranging between 22°C to 30°C (72°F to 86°F), visitors can expect warm days and cool evenings, perfect for business engagements and sightseeing. The low humidity and minimal rainfall during this period create a pleasant atmosphere, ensuring a comfortable stay in the city.

Chennai is well-connected to major cities worldwide through the Chennai International Airport (MAA), one of India's busiest international gateways. The airport offers direct and connecting flights from destinations across Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and Australia, making travel convenient for WSC2026 participants.

For domestic travellers, Chennai has extensive flight, rail, and road connectivity with all major cities in India. The well-developed metro, taxi, and ride-sharing services ensure hassle-free transportation within the city.

About Organisers:



IAFI
International Association
of Fish Inspectors

IAFI represents the community of professionals concerned with the delivery of fish, seafood and associated products that are safe, of acceptable quality, and which are produced sustainably and equitably for sale in the global marketplace.

IAFI aims to bring together parties engaged in fish technology and safety from government, the fish and seafood harvesting, processing and marketing industries, academia, public and private organizations and other diverse disciplines, to provide them opportunities to:

- Exchange information, ideas and methodologies
- Foster interaction, understanding and professional collaboration
- Contribute to discussions and analysis of current fish/seafood inspection and control systems
- Disseminate knowledge about fish, seafood and associated products inspection and methodologies
- Promote advancement of the state-of-the-art in research and education
- Provide services to its members to assist them in developing their careers

Discover more at: www.iafi.net



In today's competitive business landscape, impactful platforms are essential for companies to connect with their target audiences and enhance brand visibility. Through trade exhibitions, conferences, industry-specific publications, world events, roadshows, and B2B meetings, PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd has been instrumental in facilitating networking, market exploration, and strategic partnerships.

Over the years, industry-leading trade fairs across diverse sectors, including Maritime, Wind Energy, Fitness, Beauty, Automation, Banking, Woodworking, Airports, and Alcobev, have been successfully organised. These events have served as key enablers of industry growth, bringing together global brands and thought leaders to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation.

With a legacy of over two decades, sector-focused B2B trade fairs, conferences, roadshows, and business forums have been meticulously curated, both in India and internationally. A commitment to strengthening industry ecosystems has been further reinforced through B2B publications, keeping professional communities engaged year-round with insights, trends, and market intelligence.

Notably, in 2017, the 19th Organic World Congress was successfully brought to India by PDA Ventures, achieving massive success and international recognition.

Discover more at www.pdaventures.com



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