



PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE SHANGHAI DECLARATION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL AQUACULTURE

The Global Conference on Aquaculture Millennium +20 has adopted the Shanghai Declaration, calling on participants to fully appreciate the diversity of aquaculture and attach importance to the sustainable development of aquaculture. As the most important outcome document of this conference, the Shanghai Declaration has become a milestone in promoting the sustainable development of aquaculture worldwide in the future.

Such effort is highly consistent with Shanghai Ocean University's discipline development road map of "sustainable development and utilization of aquatic biological resources and conservation of the earth's environment and ecology". In the Call for Action under Strategic Priority part B6 of The Shanghai Declaration, it calls for establishing and maintaining centres of excellence on aquaculture across the industry (private sector), academia, state and non-state actors, and encourage public-private partnerships and investments; therefore, a robust public institution is needed to achieve this goal.

Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU) is committed to support this transition in aquaculture production both within China and among its international partners.

SHOU was the first academic institution in China to establish an aquaculture as discipline in 1921, contributing valuable knowledge and experience to aquaculture development.

Under the support and guidance of FAO, Shanghai Ocean University stands ready to establish the Center for Ecological Aquaculture (CEA) as an active response to the Shanghai Declaration. The university will fully support the development and operation of the center. We hope to work with our international counterparts to further promote aquaculture in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner, and play an even greater role in global food production.

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