



A statement from the head of the institution

Performing research and field studies on various aquatic species is different and more difficult than on plants and terrestrial species. The natural life of aquatic species depends on freshwater, brackish water and saline water ecosystems, and understanding the biology, behaviour, propagation, migration and several unknown matters, requires spending huge amount of time under hard conditions of either deep seas or oceans or springs located in the heights. That is the reason why the first research center in Iran was formed in 1918, and now, having specialized and scientific experts and 13 research centers, the “Iranian Fisheries Science Research Institute” is known as the largest and most equipped scientific network, which provides highly valuable achievements for the country.

The research of the institute in the original sector includes performing studies of stock assessment for commercial species resources, detecting the spawning locations, commencement and ending of the fishing season, establishing gene banks, *in vivo* and *in vitro*, restoration of aquatic resources, biologic threats, ecological and biological assessment of aquatic ecosystems. However, the non-original sector focuses on the institutional or economic and commercial studies that can be fully or partly done by the universities or private sector. Among these studies are the researches related to fish farming, nutrition and food formulas, propagation, health and diseases, processing and biotechnology of aquatics, socio-economic and market studies.

During a century, the Iranian Fisheries Science Research Institute has faced several challenges regarding organizational structure, organizational dependency, strategy, policy and program. By gaining considerable experience, and expertise in many fields, benefiting from lessons, facilities, research equipment, and most importantly, the valuable human resources in all parts of Iran, this institute will have a bright future. Due to the valuable efforts of restless experts and managers of the institute, and benefiting from scientific and specialized personnel, the policies and programs of this institute have been based on providing a capable, effective and responsive institute. This institute aims to promote the quality and sustainable development for achieving the future research and science network, to transfer knowledge, through cooperation and interaction with academics, the private sector and establishing knowledge-based institutes, and open new gates toward sustainable development of aquaculture, fishing, fishery and processing of aquatics.

To approach the peaks of knowledge and introduce the evolutionary, effective and important achievements, we will welcome all possible cooperation and contribution.

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