

With immense pleasure and excitement, I welcome you to the *Tropical Aquaculture Journal*, the newest journal from UJAT Press. As the Editor-in-chief, it is an honor and a privilege to invite you to present cutting-edge research, thought-provoking analyses, and innovative ideas in tropical aquaculture.

Aquaculture ensures food security, economic growth, and sustainable resource management, especially in tropical regions. Our journal aims to stand as a beacon, guiding researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and enthusiasts in their pursuit of advancing the science and practice of aquaculture in tropical regions.

In this journal, you will find a diverse array of opportunities that explore various aspects of tropical aquaculture, ranging from breakthroughs in breeding techniques that enhance species' resistance to changing environmental conditions to novel approaches in disease management that uphold the health of aquatic organisms used in aquacultural practices. Our editorial experts have explored the intricacies of aquaculture in diverse systems and a variety of species, the optimization of feed formulations to minimize environmental impact, and the socio-economic implications of aquaculture development in tropical communities. The strict peer-review process followed by Tropical Aquaculture embodies the critical spirit of scientific communities with extensive backgrounds in aquaculture practiced in tropical countries. Our journal, oriented to the dissemination of new knowledge and scientific discoveries, also goes hand in hand with the philosophy of sustainable development and aquaculture practices that harmonize with the delicate ecosystems of tropical regions.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the section editors for their invaluable contributions, the volunteer reviewers for their constructive insights, and the editorial team for their unwavering dedication to upholding the highest scientific publishing standards. Together, we ensure the authenticity and reliability of the knowledge disseminated through these pages.

We aim to foster an environment of open discourse and intellectual exchange. Through this process, we will pave the way for further breakthroughs, innovative solutions, and a deeper understanding of the complexities inherent in tropical aquaculture. I encourage you, our esteemed authors and readers, to engage with the articles, share your ideas, and join us on this journey of exploration and enlightenment. Together, we can contribute to improving aquaculture practices that empower communities in the tropics, support sustainable aquacultural practices, and secure a better future for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you find the *Tropical Aquaculture Journal* enlightening and inspiring.

Sincerely,

Wilfrido M. Contreras-Sánchez 

Editor-in-Chief