



Invitation to South African Universities to Express Interest in Aquaculture Research Collaboration for a Maximum Period of 5 Years

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), as the lead Department for the development of the aquaculture and inland fisheries sector, is responsible for implementing aquaculture policies and programmes in South Africa. A National Programme for Aquaculture Research and Technology Development was prepared to improve competitiveness, sustainability, and to promote expansion and diversification of the aquaculture sector. To ensure continued implementation of the Programme, the Department calls for local universities to submit an expression of interest to collaborate with the Department in the following key focus areas:

- Diversification and Competitiveness:
 - * Reproduction
 - * New species
 - * Breeding and genetics
 - * Production systems
 - * Technology transfer and pilot/demonstration projects
 - * Nutrition and feed development
 - * Markets and post-harvest technology
- Sustainable Production:
 - * Aquatic animal health and welfare
 - * Environmental

interactions (including impact of aquaculture on the environment) * Aquaculture food safety * Aquaculture socio-economics • Inland fisheries. Elements of training and capacity building through cooperative education, institutional collaboration and inter-exchange of scientific knowledge and resources between the Department and respective Universities may also be considered.

Universities must be willing to enter into Memorandums of Agreement with the Department for a maximum period of 5 (five) years. Specific research project proposals and agreements will be deliberated upon once the overarching agreement is entered into.

Universities are required to demonstrate their ability to collaborate in specific aquaculture research areas by submitting a detailed Expression of Interest, accompanied by CVs and profiles of academic staff/experts.

The closing date for submission of expression of interests is 30 April 2018.

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