

With funding from Open Philanthropy, the Institute of Aquaculture at the University of Stirling is coordinating a new initiative combining research, education and outreach on the benefits of improving fish welfare practices in Thailand and Vietnam – two of the leading aquaculture producers in Southeast Asia.

In the first phase of the project we are seeking to build links with people and organisations with interests in the aquaculture sector – from the provision of inputs through to production and marketing for cooperation in research and project communications. Virtual meetings will be held to help develop future project activities.

In the second phase of the project, local organisations will be funded to carry out different types of research with industry and consumers. We will offer financial and academic support for small consortia of both researchers and non-researchers to deliver on activities leading to improved (1) welfare of farmed fish and (2) understanding of the benefits of good fish welfare for both fish and people

A fully funded studentship to attend the Institute of Aquaculture MSc Aquaculture or Aquatic Pathobiology course will also be provided for one candidate from Thailand and one from Vietnam, linked to projects in those countries.

There will be an active programme to disseminate project activities, findings, outputs and other resources to the aquaculture industry, wider public and consumers via websites, videos, podcasts and social media.