

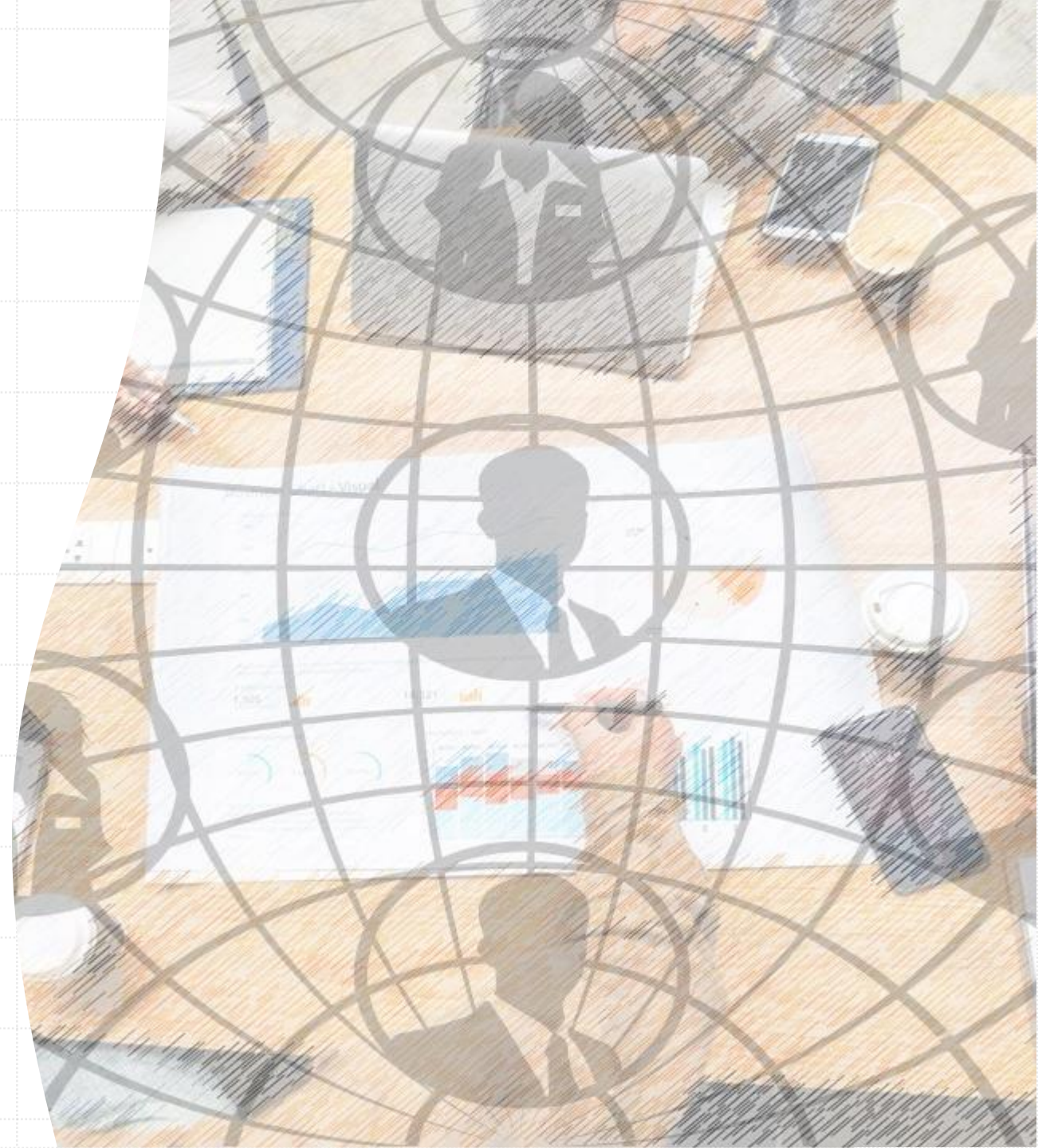
# Improving Farmed Fish Welfare in Asia

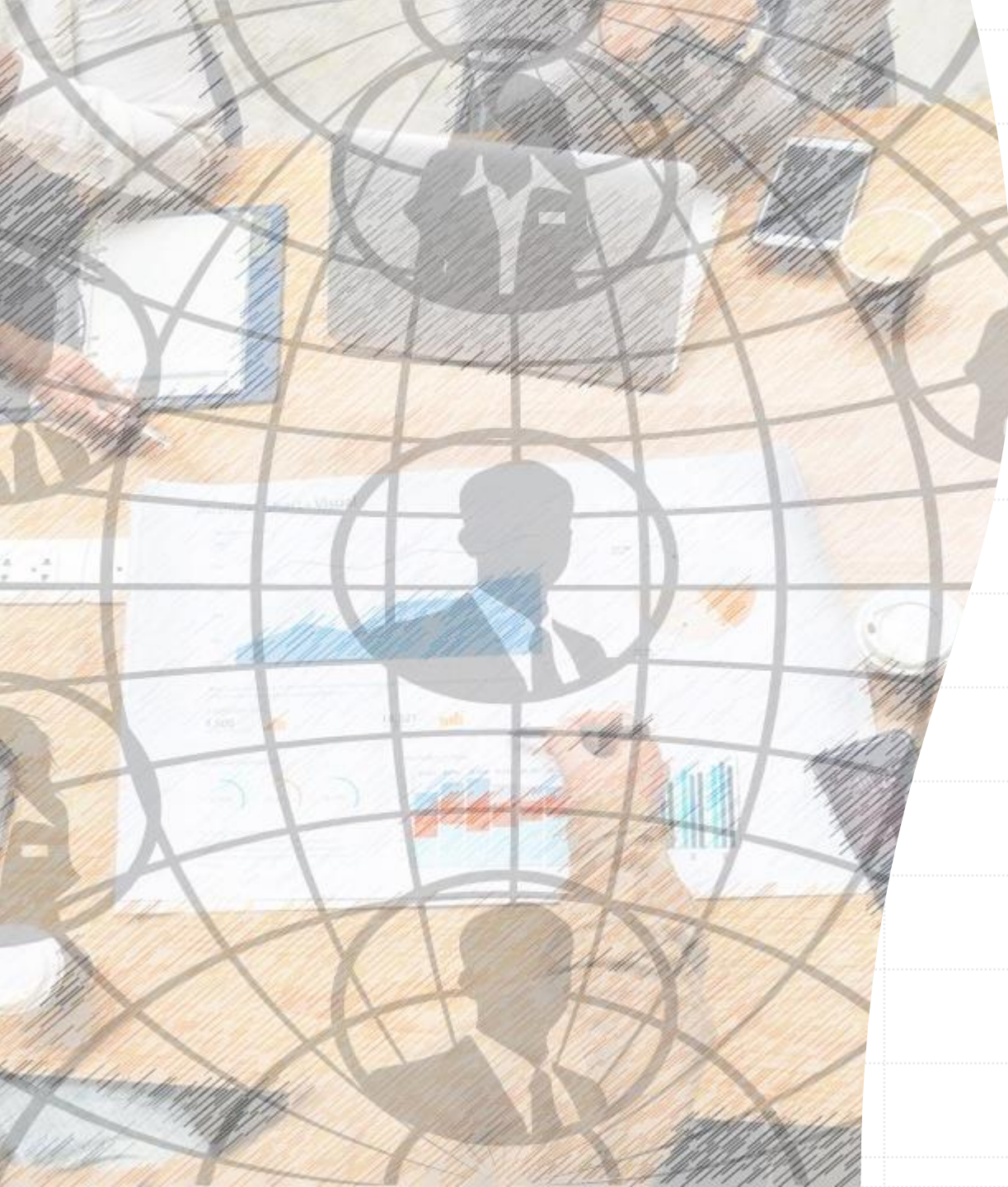
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# Online information session

Launching the call for proposals for  
funding support for research  
projects in Thailand and Vietnam





# Agenda

Introduction to the session, to the project staff and to Zoom tools – John Bostock

Video introduction to the project – Dave Little

Further details on the call for research proposals – John Bostock

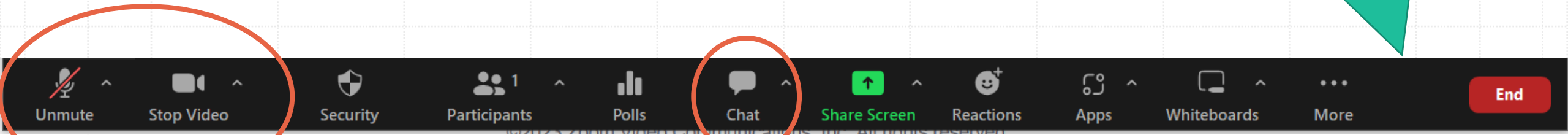
Open session for questions – via chat or raised hand

Breakout rooms – Thailand and Vietnam – participant introductions, preliminary statements of interest

Plenary for final questions and discussion

# Zoom tools 1

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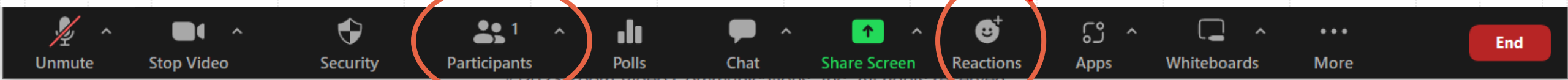
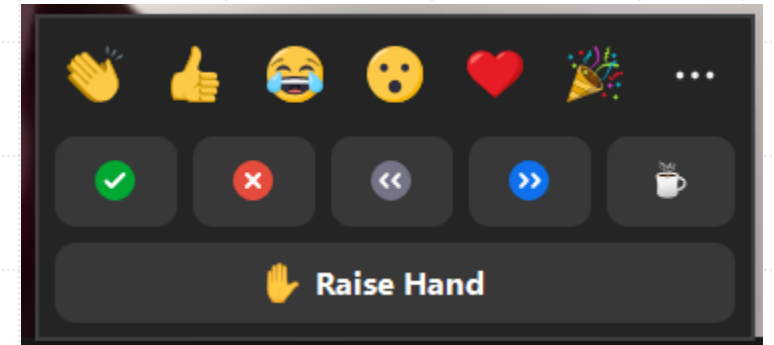


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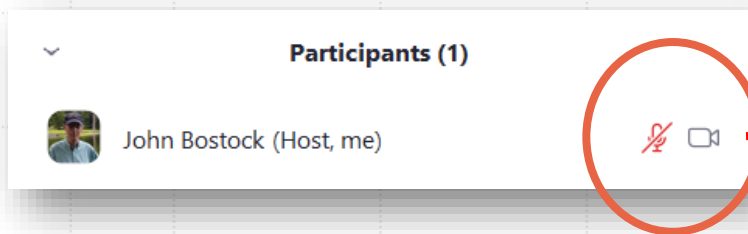
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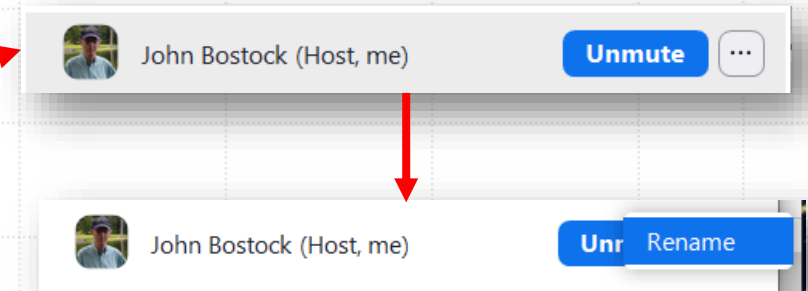
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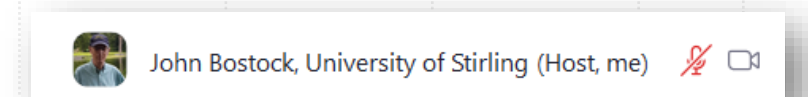
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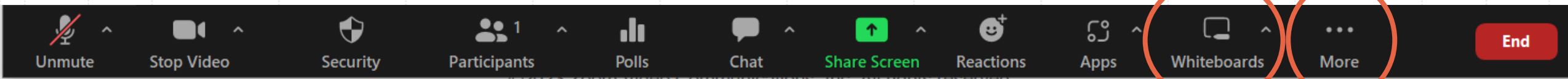


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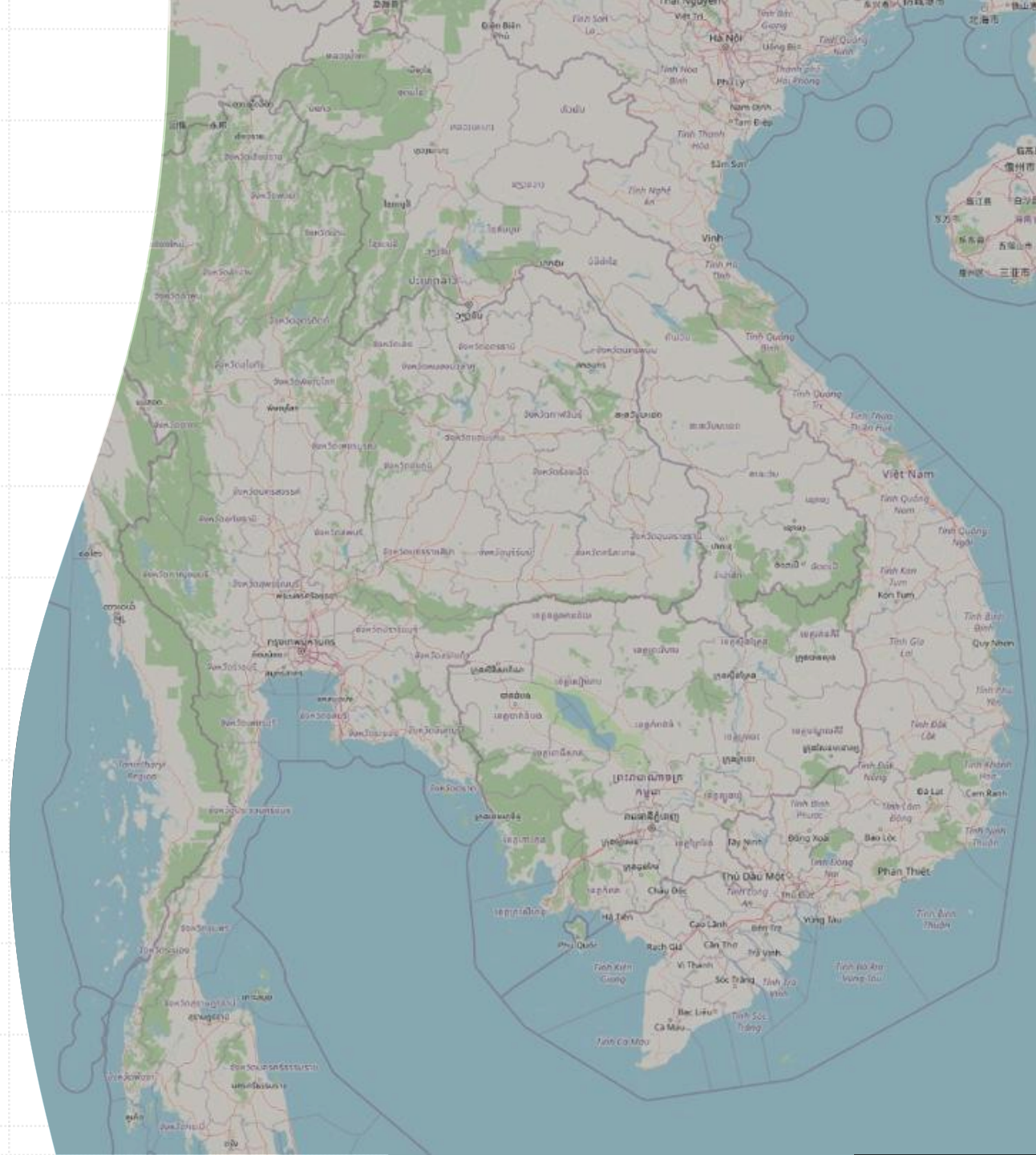
# Zoom tools 3


A session host or breakout room facilitator may create and share a whiteboard which can be used to document ideas and discussions



If we use breakout rooms you should see instructions appear on the screen. If not, you may be able to access them here.

# Project Introduction






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For researchers in Thailand and Vietnam who are interested to be involved, what is the project aiming to support?

- 2 competitions
  - *Round 1*
    - *STREAM 1 Farmed Fish Welfare Intervention Competition*
      - Up to six projects will be funded from a budget of \$126,000 (guideline: \$20,000 per project)
      - *STREAM 2 Perceptions and behaviour competition*
        - Up to four projects will be funded from a budget of \$82,500 (guideline: \$20,000 per project)
    - *Round 2*
      - *A smaller number of projects based on the most successful in Round 1*



# Research Teams

- Applications are invited from academic organisations based in either Thailand or Vietnam which involve at least one other stakeholder (e.g. commercial business or non-government organisation) and preferably, collaboration with a third country organisation (e.g. not based in Thailand or Vietnam) that has appropriate expertise.

# Call for proposals

This document sets out the main objectives and criteria for the call

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING – CALL FOR PROPOSALS – DRAFT VERSION 03

## IMPROVING THE WELFARE OF FARMED FISH IN ASIA

### ROUND 1: PROPOSAL FOR RESEARCH TO SUPPORT FARMED FISH WELFARE



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2 October 2023 – Expected completion date for [research](#)  
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### INTRODUCTION

With financial support from Open Philanthropy (<https://www.openphilanthropy.org/>), the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling is conducting a two-year project to research and support interventions to the farming, transport and slaughter of fish and other aquatic animals\* in Asia. As part of this, it is inviting collaborative proposals from academics and others (e.g. NGOs, companies, public and private research institutions, retailers, associations) located in Thailand and Vietnam, for short research projects (6 months duration) which meet the objectives and criteria set out in this call for proposals.

Further details about the project and its overall objectives can be found at <http://www.susaquastirling.net/asiafishwelfare>

Proposals are invited for research that addresses one of the following objectives:

- 1) Identify, evaluate or demonstrate the benefits of improvements in farmed fish welfare.
- 2) To understand current perceptions of farmed fish welfare by different stakeholders and how these are developed and influenced through cultural and media cues.

Applications are invited from academic organisations based in either Thailand or Vietnam which involve at least one other stakeholder (e.g. commercial business or non-government organisation) and collaboration with a third country organisation (e.g. not based in Thailand or Vietnam) that has appropriate expertise. Further details of the criteria are given below.



# Competition 1 Objectives

Show originality of the proposed work and academic excellence of the proposed methods and analysis

Address an aspect of fish farming practice (including distribution to final slaughter) where fish welfare could be improved or enhanced

Conduct research that helps to establish evidence of benefits for improved fish welfare practices

Involve trialling practical changes to existing practices and collecting data on farmed fish welfare indicators.

Does not involve any procedures which may inflict pain or other suffering on fish or other aquatic animals

Include dissemination and communication activities to share the outcomes with all stakeholders (including the production of a video blog)

Is led by an academic organisation located in Thailand or Vietnam

Involves at least one commercial or non-government organisation from the same country as the Lead Applicant

Involve a research team which is inclusive with respect to gender and different levels of experience.

Preferably involves a research organisation with relevant expertise which is located in a third country (i.e. not Vietnam or Thailand)



# Competition 2 Objectives

Show originality of the proposed work and academic excellence of the proposed methods and analysis

Address questions of stakeholder understanding and perceptions of fish welfare and how this influences their behaviour as farmers, traders, retailers or consumers etc.

Conduct research in the target country using local researchers and languages to help identify narratives and understandings on fish suffering and the links between health, welfare and product quality

Include dissemination and communication activities to share the outcomes with all stakeholders (including the production of a video blog)

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# Evaluation criteria

<i>Criteria</i>	<b>Maximum mark</b>	<b>Weighting multiplier</b>	<b>Maximum score</b>
<i>Originality and relevance of the proposed work and academic excellence of the proposed methods and analysis</i>	5	8	40
<i>Relevant expertise and capacity of the partners to conduct the proposed research</i>	5	4	20
<i>Range of experience and gender balance represented in the project team</i>	5	1	5
<i>Involvement of relevant local stakeholders</i>	5	2	10
<i>Involvement of relevant international partner</i>	5	1	5
<i>Quality and potential impact of communication and exploitation plans</i>	5	2	10
<i>Value for money and contributions from other partners</i>	5	2	10
<b>TOTAL</b>			100

# Application form

The application form is straightforward and allows you to set out your partnership, research objectives and methods and how you will maximise impact.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING - APPLICATION FORM – DRAFT VERSION 03

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Which type of project funding are you applying for (mark one box only)?

- Farmed Fish Welfare Intervention Competition (Practical Solution Research)
- Perceptions and behaviour competition

#### SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

##### LEAD APPLICANT ORGANISATION

*Research Leader Name*

*Position (Job Title)*

*E-mail Address*

*Telephone Number*


*Organisation Name*

*Organisation Address*

*Name of Administrative Contact:*

*E-mail Address for  
Administrative Contact*

*Names and roles of other  
members of this organisation  
involved in the research*



# Research questions


Describe the main issues that you are addressing

Outline your research plan (Methods)

What questions do you expect this research to answer?

Who will be involved in the research? (Names, roles, organisations, time input or other contributions)





## Outcome and communication questions

What could be the outcomes of your research and how could this impact fish welfare practices in your country and Asia?

How will you communicate your work and results to all stakeholders?

# Budget & financial rules

A budget template is provided for guidance. The lead academic organisation is expected to manage the funds for other in-country partners and be responsible for reporting expenditure.

## SECTION 4: RESEARCH BUDGET

Please use the provided Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to prepare your budget. The summary information should be included below:

In country expenses	P1. GBP	P2. GBP	P3. GBP	Total GBP
Cost of staff directly employed on the project				
Travel and subsistence costs associated with the research				
Cost of equipment rental				
Cost of consumable items (including software)				
Cost of communications (including promotional expenses)				
Other eligible costs				
Administration overhead				
<b>Subtotal in-country expenses</b>				
<b>International partner expenses</b>				
Travel and subsistence costs associated with the research				
Consumables associated with the research				
Other eligible costs				
<b>Subtotal international partner expenses</b>				
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>				
Contributions from other organisations (give details below)				
<b>BALANCE OF FUNDING REQUESTED</b>				

If you have secured part-funding for the project from another organisation, please give full details here:



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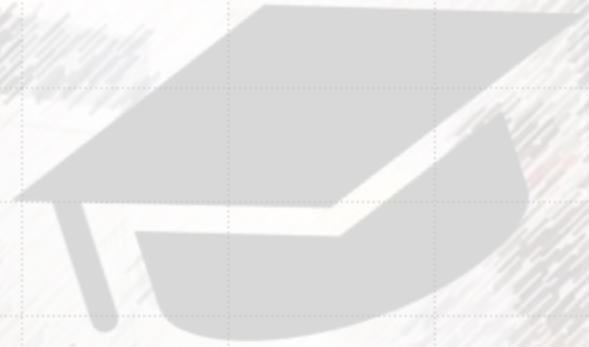
# Future Sandpit sessions

- **Tuesday 21st February 16:00 - 18:00 (Thailand), (09:00-11:00 UK) [[ZOOM-REGISTER](#)]**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrceyorDosH9XEOrvI0NYXvLrvAHqOYm4K>  
A session to help build collaborative links and support proposal development for applicants from Thailand
- **Wednesday 22nd February 16:00 - 18:00 (Vietnam), (09:00-11:00 UK) [[ZOOM-REGISTER](#)]**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-itqz8rHNGBHkmKAHYQ1z4X1cDDiq\\_4](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-itqz8rHNGBHkmKAHYQ1z4X1cDDiq_4)  
A session to help build collaborative links and support proposal development for applicants from Vietnam
- **Monday 27 February to Friday 3rd March - Sessions will be arranged depending on the needs of the applicant groups**

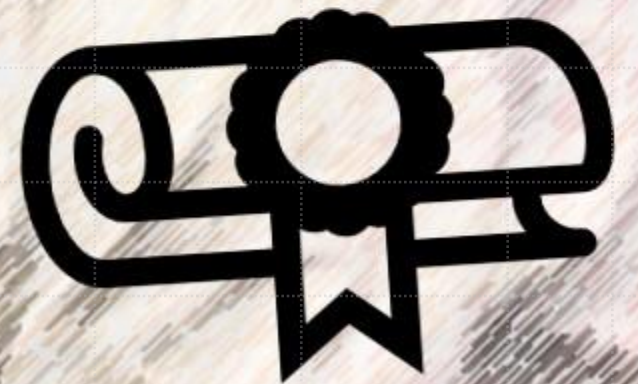


# Training courses and materials





# MSc Studentships





# Questions?

Raise hand to speak or  
post questions in the chat

# Breakout rooms

- Thailand
- Vietnam





# Suggested Agenda



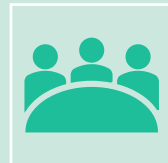
Individual introductions and sharing of key areas of expertise and interest



Initial thoughts on priority research questions



What other expertise needs to be accessed?



Which stakeholders should be involved and how?



# Meeting round-up

01

Feedback from  
breakout  
meetings and  
further discussion

02

Potential  
meetings with  
project staff in  
March

03

Meeting feedback



Thank you for participating

<https://www.susaquastirling.net/asiafishwelfare>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9306181/>