

## Honours and Awards 2024

Each year since 2023, the WAS African Chapter (WAS-AC) will celebrate individuals, companies and organisations who have made significant contributions to the Chapter and to the development of aquaculture in Africa, in fields of scientific research, education, technological innovations, communications and information exchange. These recipients have transformed our understanding of aquaculture in Africa, impacted many aquaculture actors positively by contributing to solutions for the advancement of sustainable aquaculture in Africa.

Honourees and awardees were celebrated this year at the Aquaculture Africa 2024 Conference (AFRAQ24) in Hammamet, Tunisia (19 to 22 November 2024) - where over 1200 attendees from more than 70 countries gathered. The awards were presented by the Guest of Honor, Tunisian Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (Hon. Ezzedine Ben Chiekh) and WAS-AC President (Ms Foluke Areola) witnessed by the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and other high-level state guests. The WAS applauds the achievements of the 2024 award recipients and thank all membership, nominators and supporters for their dedication to this program.

### WAS-AFRICA HONORARY AWARD 2024

*The award is conferred upon an identified individual who has made a longstanding and significant contribution in the establishment and support to the Chapter's operations*

**Mr. BLESSING MAPFUMO** (EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WAS AC), South Africa - He was a critical player in the establishment of the Chapter. Blessing is the Chapter's pilot, flying the Chapter successfully through its startup and first 5 years of operation, working tirelessly to support the membership, Executive Board and conferences and other aquaculture programmes throughout the continent!



### AQUACULTURE INNOVATION AWARD 2024

*This award is to be presented to a WAS Member for innovations in a specific type of Aquaculture Technology (eg IMTA, RAS, Pond technology etc) OR for contributions to develop aquaculture technology for a species (eg Tilapia, Shrimp, Catfish etc)*

**Dr. ASHRAF GODA** - (Egypt, North Africa) - he is a leader in the development of sustainable aquaculture systems technologies (IMTA/Aquaponics and Pond technology). In 2021, Dr Goda was amongst the top 2% of the most cited scientists in various disciplines (USA based Stanford University – List of World's Top 2% Scientists)



### AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY AWARD 2024

*This award is presented to an Industry player who has given selflessly to improve aquaculture in Africa; and support to the WAS-AC; fostered collaborations with aquaculture organisations to promote best practices and innovations; publicized the importance of sustainable aquaculture development and creates business models that benefit a diverse range of aquaculture actors in Africa.*

**AQUACULTURE AFRICA MEDIA (AAM)** - for their contributions to the Chapter's establishment and outreach throughout the continent, organizing and hosting African aquaculture webinars and social media platforms.



### SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION 2024

*This is given to a State entity (relevant government Ministry) in appreciation for the role and commitment in hosting of an annual Aquaculture Africa Conference.*

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER RESOURCES AND FISHERIES, TUNISIA** – for their role and commitment in successfully hosting AFRAQ24 in Hammamet, TUNISIA.



### SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION 2024

*Host and Conference Chairperson (Aquaculture Africa 2024), AFRAQ24*

**Dr. NADIA CHERIF** National Institute of Marine Science and Technology (INSTM) TUNISIA.



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*Aquaculture Africa 2024, AFRAQ24*

**NUTRIFISH**, The leading aquafeeds company in TUNISIA



**Congratulations to the 2024 Winners, Honorees and Awardees!!**