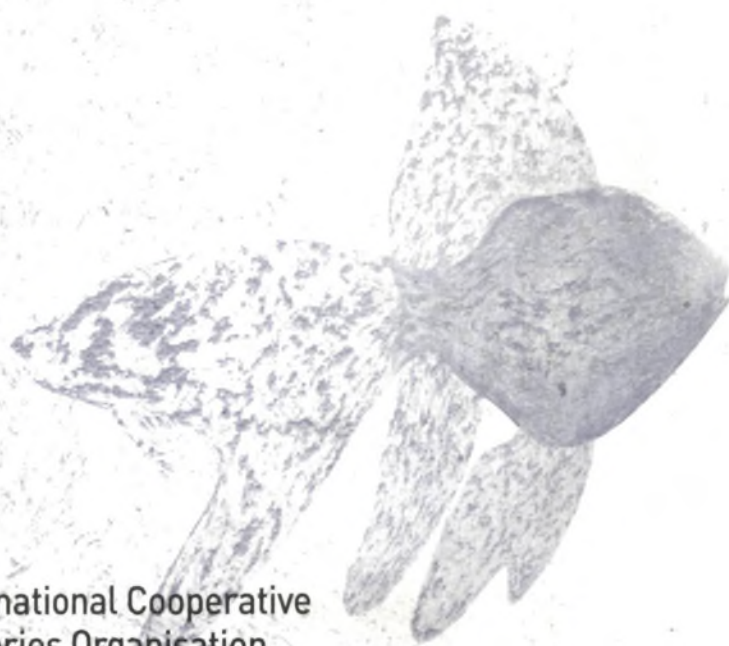


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Cooperatives protect underprivileged people, including fishermen, and enhance their rights based on the core principles of self-help, responsibility, democracy and equality. The world has turned to cooperatives as an alternative global economic system after recognizing the limits of the market economy, which had previously been regarded as the ideal economic system, after it experienced a financial crisis originating from the United States and the European Union.

The ICFO, one of the International Cooperative Alliance's sectoral organizations which has led the global cooperative movement with more than 1 billion members worldwide, has been committed to the development of the fishing industry around the world through programs such as the "World Fisheries Cooperative Day" and education for fishermen in developing countries. These programs have established the foundations for sharing expertise and experiences among the member organizations.

The ICFO has contributed fishing equipment to fisheries cooperatives that are not fully equipped, despite their abundant fisheries resources, to increase their incomes. It has provided valuable fisheries information by publishing "World Fisheries" and "World Fisheries Statistics." The donation of computer equipment to its members has also expedited access to fisheries information.

Consequently, the ICA presented the ICA Rochdale Pioneer Prize to the ICFO in 2011 in recognition of these efforts for the development of the fishing industry through fisheries cooperatives.

However, the world fisheries continues to face the unprecedented crises of skyrocketing operating costs due to high oil prices, a dramatic decrease in fisheries resources, an increase in maritime pollution, and global warming due to industrialization.

It also faces a wide variety of changes in the environment: opening markets because of the WTO and various FTAs, paradigm shifts of fisheries as we enter the age of the global warming, and the low carbon green growth.

However, fisheries will continue to be major growth engines and many experts expect a bright future for the industry. For example, futurist Alvin Toffler has predicted that aquaculture will be one of the four largest industries in the 21st century information age. Peter Drucker has forecast that investments in aquaculture will be more promising than those of the internet.

The ICFO publishes this booklet to assist its current developmental direction by assessing the achievements of the past.

I look forward to your participation in our efforts to develop a sustainable fishing industry through the vitalization of the worldwide cooperative movement.

March 2013

Chairman, Lee Jong-koo

International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation



Introduction to the ICFO

1) Objective

The ICA is the world's largest non-governmental cooperative union with more than 1 billion members representing cooperatives and the worldwide cooperative movement. The ICA defines a cooperative as an autonomous association of persons voluntarily united to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

The ICFO, one of the ICA's eight sectoral organizations, was established in 1976. The ICFO contributes to improving the living standards of fishermen, developing fisheries cooperatives within each of the ICFO member countries through research and study of the various problems concerning fisheries cooperative organizations, and promoting better mutual understanding and economic cooperation among fisheries cooperatives.

2) Activities

The ICFO is engaged in the following activities with a view to attaining its objectives, as stipulated in the following Articles:

- To organize seminars and conferences on specific subjects for the advancement of the mutual interests of the member organizations;
- To promote fisheries cooperative movements in developing countries through activities such as guidance and assistance for the establishment of fisheries cooperatives, as well as the training of future leaders;
- To study problems concerning fisheries cooperatives within member countries and ensure the publication of the study results;
- To promote the exchange of information and human resources and to further the economic relations among fisheries cooperatives around the world, for the purposes of encouraging cooperation among the cooperative organizations;
- To gather and provide information on fisheries and fisheries cooperatives;
- To carry out other activities related to the preceding items.

3) ICFO Board Members



Mr. Lee Jong-koo
Chairman

Mr. Lee Jong-koo, Chairman of the Korea National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives (KNFC), was elected Chairman of the ICFO at the ICFO General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 November 2009. He began his career in cooperatives in 1975. He served as President of the Jinhae Fisheries Cooperative from 1987 until he was elected as the President of the KNFC in 2007. He is well known for his active participation in the cooperative movement to improve the welfare of Korean fishermen. He also served as a member of the organizing committee for EXPO 2012 in Korea. He was awarded the ICA Rochdale Pioneer Prize in 2011 and the Gold Tower Order of Industrial Service Merit in 2012. Pukyong National University awarded him an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Business Administration in 2013.



Mr. Gabor Csoma
Vice Chairman

Mr. Gabor Csoma was born in Gyoma, Hungary, in October 1972. He comes from a traditional fishing family; his grandfather and great-grandfather were fishermen on the River Tisza. His father is Mr. Antal Csoma, current President of the Korosi Fisheries Cooperative, former Vice Chairman of the ICFO (20 years), and current President of the Hungarian Fish Farmers' Association. He has a General Degree in Agricultural Sciences (1997) and a Special Degree in the Science of Fisheries (1999). He has been the President of FISH-COOP Ltd. since 1993, and the President of Szajol Fisheries Ltd. since 1999. He was elected Vice President of the Hungarian Fish Farmers' Association in 2007 and Vice Chairman of the ICFO in 2008. He is an expert on fisheries in natural inland waters, pond fish husbandry, artificial propagation and fish fry production. He has worked at the ICFO since 1992, and has participated in numerous meetings and seminars of the organization all over the world.



Dr. Dao Xuan Can
Vice Chairman

Dr. Dao Xuan Can, born in 1952, holds a Doctorate in Economy and has served in many different positions, from Head of the District Agricultural Department, President of District People's Committee, Vice Director and Director of the Provincial Planning and Investment Department to President of Bac Giang Province People's Committee (a province of northern Vietnam). While in the highest position of Bac Giang Province, Dr. Dao Xuan Can became very interested in the cooperative movement and has a deep understanding of the cooperative economic sector of Vietnam in general and of Bac Giang Province in particular. In his new position as Vice Chairman, Dr. Dao Xuan Can, along with the VCA board, will strengthen and promote the cooperative movement to make it increasingly important in the socio-economic development of Vietnam; and, at the same time, closely coordinate with the ICA and the ICA-AP to contribute to the prosperity of the international cooperative movement.

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Mr. Bimal Kumar Mishra
Vice Chairman

Shri Mishra, born on 21 June 1960, has sound professional qualifications in the fields of Agricultural Engineering, International Trade, Business Administration, Rural Development, Entrepreneurship Management, Cooperative Management and Agri-Business Management. He has published more than 100 editorials and articles in addition to more than 10 papers presented at various national and international meetings. In recognition of his academic contributions, he was conferred membership into the Research Board of the American Biographical Institute. Widely traveled within India and internationally, he is the spokesperson of India's Fisheries Cooperative Movement. His professional exposure at the grassroots and international levels is a valuable resource to stimulate the growth of the fisheries cooperatives in India.



Mr. Ikuhiro Hattori
Executive Member

Mr. Ikuhiro Hattori was born on 25 August 1945 in Kagawa Prefecture, Japan. After graduating from junior high school in March 1961, he started his career in fisheries. In 1969, he started fish farming of "hamachi (yellowtail)" with fish cages. In 1993, he was elected President of Hiketa Fisheries Cooperative Association (Hiketa FCA) in Kagawa Prefecture. After this, he was successively elected President of Kagawa Prefectural Federation of FCAs (JF Kagawa Gyoren) in 2002 and President of National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations (JF ZENGYOREN) in 2007. He served as Chairman of the ICFO from 16 October 2007 to 15 November 2009. He is currently President of JF ZENGYOREN, President of JF Kagawa Gyoren, and President of Hiketa FCA.



Mr. Wibisono Wiyono
Auditor

Mr. Wibisono Wiyono was born on 25 October 1955 in Indonesia. In 1981, after completing his studies at Bogor Agricultural University, he joined the National Federation of Indonesian Fishermen's Cooperative Societies, IKPI. In 1983, Mr. Wiyono was elected Secretary of the IKPI and, since 1997, he has been the President of the IKPI. His attention to fisheries and the welfare of fishermen has been the main reason for his participation in many organizations, such as the Indonesian Cooperative Council, the Indonesian Fishery Society, the Foundation for Cooperative Education and other organizations related to fisheries and cooperatives. Mr. Wiyono was also appointed as a Commissioner of Bank BUKOPIN, which was founded by cooperatives. Presently, he is a Commissioner of a state-owned fisheries company. He has attended many meetings, seminars, conferences, and classes regarding fisheries and cooperatives in Indonesia and abroad. He has been an active participant in the ICFO since 1995 and is now the auditor of the ICFO.

1) Birth of the Fisheries Sub-Committee

The ICFO dates back to 1966 when the then ICA Agricultural Committee held its 7th meeting in Vienna, Austria. At the meeting, it was decided that a sub-committee on fisheries should be established. Mr. Pierre Lacoure, President of Confederation de la Cooperation de la Mutualite et du Credit Maritimes (CCMCM), France, was elected as the first Chairman of the Fisheries Sub-Committee of the ICA Agricultural Committee.

With regard to the development of activities in the fisheries cooperative sector, it must be noted that the "First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries (FOWCCF), (Premiere Conference Mondialesur les Cooperatives de Peche)" was held from 29 September to 4 October 1975 at KEIDANREN KAIKAN in Tokyo, Japan. It was jointly sponsored by the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan and the ICA, and was attended by 395 participants from 35 countries. Mr. Pierre Lacoure chaired the Conference.

As a result of the presentation of various papers and the discussions that followed, the Conference urged the International Cooperative Alliance to coordinate technical and financial assistance with developing countries.

The following suggestions were made

Technical assistance for the development of fisheries cooperatives in developing countries should be made available in fields such as education, training and extension of services, technical expertise for modernizing fishing fleets and equipment, modernization of management, etc.

Governments of developed countries should provide assistance in the fields of protection for both inland and marine fisheries resources, etc; and for this purpose, the creation of a fund should be considered.

The possibility of starting an Information Center to disseminate information on fisheries development should be started and the activities of the Fisheries Sub-Committee should be organized to undertake this task.

Concluding the Conference, the Chair (Mr. Pierre Lacoure) informed the delegates that the suggestions made at the Conference would be discussed at the Fisheries Sub-Committee meeting to be held immediately after the Conference, with a view to formulating a program of action for the future development of fisheries.

The above suggestions proposed at the FOWCCF form the basis of the present day activities of the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation of the Internal Cooperative Alliance.

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2) Birth of the Fisheries Committee

On 26 September 1976 in Paris, France, the Fisheries Sub-Committee Meeting of the ICA Agricultural Committee was held. At this Sub-Committee meeting a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Fisheries Sub-Committee should become an independent committee, separate from the Agricultural Committee. Mr. Jirozaemon Saito, a board member and director, of the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations of Japan, was elected as the Chairman of the Fisheries Sub-Committee, to succeed Mr. Pierre Lacoure. Together with the resolution, the draft "ICA Fisheries Committee Constitution and Activities" was also approved.

With this resolution in mind, Mr. Jirozaemon Saito, representing the Fisheries Sub-Committee, took part in the Executive Meeting of the ICA Agricultural Committee, held from 21st to 22nd February 1977 in London, United Kingdom. He submitted the Fisheries Sub-Committee's resolution, together with the draft "ICA Fisheries Committee Constitution and Activities," and they were both unanimously approved.

Thereafter, the same application was submitted to the ICA Executive Committee at a meeting held in Reykjavik from 10th to 11th March 1977, and it was also approved at this ICA Executive Committee meeting.

These approvals were reported, together with the "ICA Fisheries Committee Constitution and Activities," to the ICA Central Committee meeting held in Hamburg, West Germany from 22nd to 24th October 1977 and the resolution to become an independent committee was officially approved by the ICA membership.

The ICA Fisheries Committee Constitution (ICFO Rules) provided that "The Committee shall elect a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and three Executive Members (board members) from amongst its member organizations. The term of office is four years from ICA Congress to ICA Congress."

Mr. Jirozaemon Saito became the first Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

3) Direction of Activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee

On 18 October 1977 an ICA Fisheries Committee meeting was held in Hamburg, West Germany. At this meeting, Chairman Saito submitted a proposal concerning the future activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee. Among others, the most important were education and training activities.

He stated, "There have been to date several occasions to hold seminars on fisheries cooperatives sponsored by our member organizations, with some assistance from the FAO. Unfortunately, however, such seminars have been sporadic. Therefore, I would like to propose that such seminars, training courses and/or workshops, etc. concerning the management of fisheries cooperatives, etc. should be organized periodically, at least once a year, as activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee. The education and training activities should be made one of the key activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee and should be organized by developed countries member organizations for developing countries member organizations. This should be promoted on a regional basis, namely, by dividing the world into three regions, that is, (1) Europe and Africa, (2) Asia, Oceania and the Middle East, and (3) North America and South America." This proposal was approved.

The proposal by Chairman Saito set the direction of the ICA Fisheries Committee's activities. The activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee included:

Organization of meetings

Executive Members meetings and General Member meetings

Education and Training

Organizing seminars, workshops, symposia, etc.

Information Exchange

Issuing Fisheries Bulletins, exchange visits, etc.

Studies

Studies on selected subjects, such as Common Fisheries Policy of Europe, fisheries resource management, government assistance in the fisheries sector (including fuel oil subsidies, etc.), member organization structures and business activities, etc.

Cooperation

Cooperation with UN agencies, such as FAO, ILO and other inter-governmental organizations, in addition to international non-governmental organizations, etc.

To date, the activities of the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation (ICFO), formerly the ICA Fisheries Committee, have followed the above framework.

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4) Re-naming the ICA Fisheries Committee to the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation (ICFO)

The ICA held a Central Committee meeting from 27 to 30 October 1992 in Tokyo, Japan. At this meeting, a restructuring of the ICA was proposed and agreed to. Thenceforth, the hitherto "ICA Auxiliary Committees," including the ICA Fisheries Committee, were renamed as specialized organizations of the ICA. The ICA Fisheries Committee was renamed to the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation (ICFO).

5) Chairmen of the Fisheries Sub-Committee, the ICA Fisheries Committee and the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation (ICFO)

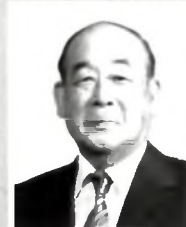
Chairmen of the Fisheries Sub-Committee

Mr. Pierre Lacoure, France



30 Aug 1966 ~ 24 Sept 1976

Mr. Jirozaemon Saito, Japan



25 Sept 1976 ~ 23 Oct 1977

Chairmen of the ICA Fisheries Committee (renamed to ICFO after 1992)

Mr. Jirozaemon Saito, Japan



24 Oct 1977 ~ 21 Oct 1992

Mr. Shoji Uemura, Japan



22 Oct 1992 ~ 15 Oct 2007

Mr. Ikuhiro Hattori, Japan



16 Oct 2007 ~ 15 Nov 2009

Mr. Lee Jong-Koo, Korea



16 Nov 2009 ~ present

6) Secretariat

The changes of the Secretariat in chronological order starting from the Fisheries Sub-Committee of the ICA Agricultural Committee, the ICA Fisheries Committee, and to the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation (ICFO) were as follows:

● The Fisheries Sub-Committee of the ICA Agricultural Committee

Year	Secretariat
1966 ~ 1976	Confederation de la Cooperation de la Mutualite et du Credit Maritime (CCMCM) (Paris)

● The ICA Fisheries Committee

Year	Secretariat
1977 ~ 1982	ICA Headquarters (London) Mr. Branko Zlataric (Yugoslavia) served as Secretary from February 1978 to September 1980. Mr. Kiyokazu Nakagawa, seconded from ZENGYOREN, Japan, served as Secretary from October 1980 to January 1983. Note The ICA Headquarters moved from London to Geneva on 12 October 1982.
1983 ~ 1986	ICA Headquarters (Geneva) and ZENGYOREN (Tokyo) The ICA Headquarters (Geneva) and ZENGYOREN (Tokyo) served as "Joint Secretariats." Mr. Nakagawa continued to act as the main Secretary.
1987 ~ 2009	ZENGYOREN (Tokyo) Mr. Masaaki Sato served as Secretary from 1 April 1987 to 15 November 2009.
2009 ~	Korea National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives (Seoul) Mr. Park Kwang-Bum of the KNFC, since 16 November 2009.

Accomplishments of the ICFO

1) 1976~2008 (The Secretariat was operated by JF ZENGYOREN)

The government of Japan had continuously supported the promotion of the world fisheries cooperative sector through financial contributions to the ICFO.

The ICFO has performed various activities through the financial support of the Japanese government, as follows:

- Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives of South East Asian Countries (1979~1998)
The Fishery Agency of the Japanese government began contributing funds to the ICFO to organize the "Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives for South East Asian Countries."
Participants were invited to Japan to study various aspects of fisheries cooperatives. On average, about 10 participants from 6~7 South East Asian countries per year were invited. The participants combined the information gained and their experiences for furthering the development of fisheries cooperatives in their respective home countries. These seminars were a follow-up action implemented by the ICFO with the support of the Japanese government in response to the conclusions reached among participants at the "First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries (FOWCCF)," referenced earlier. The seminars were held from JFY 1979 to JFY 1998.
- Training Project for Leaders of World Fisheries Cooperatives (1987~2005)
The International Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japanese government began contributing funds in 1987 to ICA Geneva for "Training Projects for Leaders of World Fisheries Cooperatives." This project continued for 19 years from JFY 1987 to JFY 2005.
The ICFO (ICA Fisheries Committee) organized seminars for the leadership development of fisheries cooperatives by using these funds. The seminar had been held in one to two countries per Japanese fiscal year (JFY) over the 19 years, 32 seminars in 18 countries.

Training Project for Leaders of World Fisheries Cooperatives

Year	Country & Venue	Host Organization
1987	Sri Lanka, Kandy	Sri Lanka National Fed. of Fishermen's Coop. Societies Ltd.
	Malaysia, Petaling Jaya	ANGKASA (National Co-operative Organization of Malaysia)
1988	India, Lacknow	Fishcopfed (National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd.)
	Thailand, Pataya	CLT (The Co-operative League of Thailand)
1989	Indonesia, Bogor	IKPI (National Fed. of Indonesian Fishermen's Coop. Societies)
	Philippines, Bagio	CUP (The Co-operative Union of the Philippines)
1990	Colombia, Cartagena	ANPAC (National Association of Artisanal Fishermen of Colombia)
	Bangladesh, Dhaka	BJSU (Bangladesh National Cooperative Union)

^{*)}JFY means Japanese Fiscal Year which is 1 April to 31 March.

Year	Country & Venue	Host Organization
1991	Hungary, Balaton Czechoslovakia, Ceske Budejovice	National Federation of Fish Producers Rybarske Sdruzeni (State Fisheries Association)
1992	Vietnam, Hanoi Fiji, Suva	Vietnam Co-operative Union Fiji Co-operative Union
1993	Malaysia, Kuala Terenganu India, New Delhi	ANGKASA (National Cooperative Organization of Malaysia) Fishcopfed (National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd.)
1994	Chile, Valparaiso Costa Rica	CONAPACH(Consejo Nacional de los Pescadores Artesanales de Chile)
1995	India, Panaji, Goa Vietnam, NhaTrang	Fishcopfed (National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd.) VCA (Vietnam Co-operative Alliance)
1996	Hungary, Budapest Indonesia, Cirebon	National Federation of Fish Producers IKPI (National Fed. of Indonesian Fishermen's Coop. Societies)
1997	Philippines, Cavite Thailand, Bangkok	CUP (The Co-operative Union of the Philippines) CLT (The Co-operative League of Thailand)
1998	Brazil, Sao Paulo	OCB (Organization of Co-operatives of Brazil)
1999	Yangon, Myanmar Nuku'alofa, Tonga	CCS (Central Co-operative Society) TCF (Tonga Co-operative Federation)
2000	Qingdao and Beijing, China	CFA (China Fisheries Association)
2001	Hanoi, Vietnam Bangkok, Thailand	VCA (Vietnam Cooperative Alliance) CLT (The Co-operative League of Thailand)
2002	Yantai, China	CFA (China Fisheries Association)
2003	Jakarta, Indonesia	IKPI (National Fed. of Indonesian Fishermen's Coop. Societies)
2004	Bangkok, Thailand	CLT (The Co-operative League of Thailand)
2005	Negombo Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka National Fed. of Fishermen's Coop. Societies Ltd.

● Training Project for the Promotion of Community-Based Fisheries Resource Management by Small-Scale Fishers in Asia (2006–2009)

The project was comprised of 3 phases, as follows:

- Phase 1: Dispatch experts to a selected Asian country
- Phase 2: Fisheries resource management study visit to Japan
- Phase 3: Seminar for the Promotion of Community-Based Fishery Resource Management by Small-Scale Fishers in the selected country

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The purpose of the training project was to promote, in the selected country, community-based fisheries resource management by small-scale fishers engaged in coastal fisheries. Fisheries cooperatives are the main players, together with member fishermen. The rationale for this project was to strengthen their activities and to contribute to ensuring sustainable production, the creation of employment opportunities and poverty alleviation.

The project was implemented in 4 countries: the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. Each phase of the project was published in 12 total reports.

Training Project for the Promotion of Community-Based Fishery Resource Management by Coastal Small-Scale Fishers in Asia

Year		Place	Participants	Outcome
2006 Philippines	Phase I	Manila & Puerto Princesa, Palawan	3 experts dispatched	Phase One Report
	Phase II	Tokyo & Okinawa Prefecture,	11 participants + 1 advisor	Phase Two Report
	Phase III	Puerto Princesa, Palawan	49 participants + 5 advisors & observers	Phase Three Report The "Palawan Declaration"
2007 Thailand	Phase I	Bangkok, Samutsakorn, Phuket and Rayong Provinces, etc.	3 experts dispatched	Phase One Report
	Phase II	Tokyo & Hokkaido, Japan	11 participants + 1 advisor	Phase Two Report
	Phase III	Bangkok, Thailand	31 participants + 12 advisors and speakers + 16 staff of CLT	Phase Three Report The "Bangkok Resolution"
2008 Vietnam	Phase I	Hanoi, Nghe An Province, Ha Tinh Province, and Ba Ria Vung Tau Province, etc.	2 experts dispatched	Phase One Report
	Phase II	Tokyo & Kagawa Prefecture	7 participants + 3 advisors	Phase Two Report
	Phase III	Nha Trang, Vietnam	82 participants + 6 advisors	Phase Three Report The "Nha Trang Resolution"
2009 Indonesia	Phase I	Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya, Brondong, Tulung Agung, Tenggalek, Denpasar, etc.	2 experts dispatched	Phase One Report
	Phase II	Tokyo & Aomori Prefecture	6 participants + 2 advisors	Phase Two Report
	Phase III	Jakarta, Indonesia	60 participants	Phase Three Report The "Jakarta Declaration"

2) Since 2009 (The Secretariat has been operated by the KNFC)

International Symposium

The ICFO and the KNFC jointly hosted an international symposium with the theme, "A New Decade, The Role of Cooperatives for the Sustainable Development of Fisheries" on 16 June 2010 in Seoul, Korea.

The symposium was held at Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea, with prominent figures in fisheries and cooperatives around the world in attendance from the United States, Japan, China, Indonesia, Iceland, India, the United Kingdom and Canada.

About 320 Korean participants and 14 foreign delegates attended the symposium; including the Vice-Minister of the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Mr. Ikuhiro HATTORI; the President of Zengyoren, Mr. Naim ASARI; Mr. Roger SPEAR, a keynote speaker from England; and other persons concerned. The Prime Minister of Korea supported the symposium with a video message.

The ICFO hosted the symposium to seek ways to deal with obstacles in fisheries in the coming decade with the experts and cooperators and to strengthen the roles of fisheries cooperatives. Pending issues in fisheries, such as green growth, were also discussed by examining the cases of Korea and Japan.

The symposium began with a keynote speech by Mr. Roger Spear. In the morning session, presentations on the Roles of Fishing Communities for Fisheries Management were made. In the afternoon session, representatives of ICFO member organizations presented "The Accomplishments and Future Tasks of Fisheries Cooperatives." A panel discussion followed.

The symposium carried the important theme of examining the accomplishments of fisheries cooperatives and seeking directions for the sustainable development of fisheries in the future.

Notably, ICFO representatives and other participants unanimously adopted the "Seoul Declaration," which included the "World Fisheries Cooperative Day" at the symposium. It served to build momentum to recognize the roles and responsibilities of cooperatives.



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The Seoul Declaration on the Role of Cooperatives for the Sustainable Development of Fisheries

We the representatives of members of ICA International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation and the symposium speakers, recognize the roles and duties of cooperatives,

Proclaim in order to seek the role of cooperatives for the sustainable development of fisheries in the 21st century as follows:

We cooperators take lead in protecting autonomously fishing grounds, the livelihood of fishermen, and fishery resources;

We cooperators recognize that marine environmental protection is the foothold to sustainable fisheries, and actively take part in nurturing fishery resource ecology and procuring fish habitats;

We cooperators support fishing activities and improve living conditions for member fishermen, and make effort in expansion of fisherwomen's safe and active participation in fishing activities;

We cooperators suggest the establishment of "World Fisheries Cooperative Day", to promulgate the importance of fisheries and the necessity of cooperatives; and

We cooperators actively develop the relationships with international cooperative entities, contributing to the prosperity of mankind and world peace, which are basic cooperative spirits.

2010. 6. 16
Seoul, Korea

World Fisheries Cooperative Day

The ICFO held an international symposium with the theme “The Role of Cooperatives for the Sustainable Development of Fisheries” in 2010 and adopted the “Seoul Declaration.” The Declaration called for the establishment of a “World Fisheries Cooperative Day.” As a follow-up, participants of the ICFO General Assembly meeting held on 2 September 2010 in Beijing, China, formally established “World Fisheries Cooperative Day.”

Hereby, the 1st anniversary of the World Fisheries Cooperative Day was held by the ICFO and the Korea National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives (KNFC) on 16 June 2011 in Seoul, Korea. The event was an opportunity to share expertise and experiences among fisheries cooperatives to overcome common crises of the world fishing industry and to develop a sustainable future.



There were 258 participants from many countries, including the ICA Director-General, ICFO representatives, the Minister of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, National Assembly members, government officials, experts of the cooperative movement and presidents of Korean fisheries cooperatives, etc.

The Korean Prime Minister stated in his video message that strengthening international cooperation among the world’s fisheries cooperatives is very timely because there has been an acute shortage of food recently and fisheries are getting increasing attention as a life-sustaining industry for humankind. He also pledged the active support of the Korean government with appropriate policies for the development of fisheries and cooperation with the fishermen of the world.

In addition, the ICFO established the “World Fisheries Cooperator Prize” to encourage fisheries cooperators worldwide who have



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devoted themselves to the development of fisheries cooperatives and adopted "The Fisheries Cooperators' Pledge to the Fishermen of the World."

The 2nd World Fisheries Cooperative Day was commemorated with an international seminar by the ICFO and the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) in Da Nang, Vietnam. The seminar was held to review the experiences of ICFO members in developing fisheries cooperatives and the fishing industry in their respective countries.

190 people from 12 countries, including the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, participated in the seminar and shared their expertise and experiences with other ICFO members.

By gathering in one place, the ICFO is convinced that these annual events will pave the way for discussions on ways to protect fishermen's rights and increase their incomes.

World Fisheries Cooperator Prize

"World Fisheries Cooperator Prize" was established to boost the morale of fisheries cooperators worldwide who have contributed to the development of the fishing industry and fisheries cooperatives and to promote fishermen's interests.



A selection committee, which consisted of 5 experts from the cooperative movement, including Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director-General, chose Mr. Uemura Shoji, former ICFO Chairman, as the first recipient in 2011. He had done an outstanding job as Chairman from 1992 to 2007, successfully representing the interests of fishermen and fisheries organizations, such as when changes to international trade rules, like WTO, were discussed. He additionally served as the President of the Aomori Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations (FCA). He made major contributions to the fishing industry and fisheries cooperatives around the world, as well as in Japan.

Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Hai, President of Thoi An Fisheries Cooperative Vietnam, was the second recipient. Capital and turnover of the cooperative improved 10 and 20 times, respectively, during his presidency, turning the cooperative into one of the top cooperatives in Vietnam. He also fostered the local community by providing scholarships to students and supporting housing for local people.



Korean Fisheries Cooperatives' Business Knowledge Sharing Program

The ICFO has emphasized that ICFO members should cooperate and share their expertise and experiences to overcome the common crises facing the fishing industry and to contribute to the development of mankind through fisheries at the 1st Annual World Fisheries Cooperative Day, held at a time of rapid changes in the fisheries environment.

Toward this goal, the KNFC published a book, "The Korean Fisheries Cooperatives' Business Knowledge Sharing Program" to encourage voluntary cooperation among cooperatives around the world and to establish a good precedent in this movement. It contains the experiences of the KNFC's core business, which have contributed greatly to the development of the Korean fishing industry, and of the KNFC itself, such as consignment sales, the supply of tax-exempt oil and the fisheries financial funds system.

The ICFO is committed to expediting the sharing of expertise and experiences of its members and becoming essential foundation for the development of the worldwide fishing industry and cooperatives.

Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director-General, has stated that this book will be a tremendous resource for fisheries everywhere and he would like to assist in making it available to interested fisheries cooperatives and apex organizations.



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The Fisheries Cooperators' Pledge to the Fishermen of the World

The ICFO adopted the Fisheries Cooperators' Pledge to the Fishermen of the World, a guiding principle on how to actively protect fishermen's rights and raise their incomes at the 1st World Fisheries Cooperative Day.

These guidelines seek to publicize the importance of global fisheries as a human food resource and the necessity of fisheries cooperatives worldwide; to encourage fishermen and build active fishing communities; to take further initiatives to create green growth in the industry by actively sharing our collective experiences and expertise; to earn the respect of the community of fishermen through service and by supporting their pursuit of happiness; and to contribute to the prosperity of humankind and world peace in collaboration with the International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation.



The Fisheries Cooperators' Pledge to the Fishermen of the World

On this First World Fisheries Cooperative Day, to improve the quality of fishermen's lives and to build a brighter future for fisheries worldwide We, the Fisheries Cooperators Worldwide pledge:

First, to take the lead in protecting the global fisheries as a human food resource, in publicizing the importance of the fisheries for the next generation, and in introducing the necessity of fisheries cooperatives worldwide;

Second, to encourage fishermen worldwide and strive to build active fishing communities, in order to realize sustainable fisheries businesses;

Third, to strive to increase the value of the future fisheries and take further initiatives to create green growth in the industry, by actively sharing our collective experiences and expertise;

Fourth, in a cooperative spirit, to strive to earn the respect of the community of fishermen through service and by supporting their pursuit of happiness; and

Last, to contribute to the prosperity of humankind and world peace, the fundamental ideals of cooperatives, in collaboration with International Cooperative Fisheries Organisation and other related international organizations.

16 June 2011

Fisheries Cooperators Worldwide

Accomplishments of the ICFO

Donation of Computers and Fishing Equipment to Fisheries Cooperatives

The ICFO has donated computers and fishing equipment to fisheries cooperatives in developing countries to promote cooperative development with them and to increase the competitiveness of the fishing industry.

Because the world economy is changing rapidly, it is essential to exchange information and to cooperate with other fishermen and fisheries cooperatives around the world. To this end, the ICFO has been contributing computers and printers to fisheries cooperatives in the developing countries since 2010.

It has also donated fishing equipment, such as fishing nets, small boats, etc., to its members. Although they have abundant fisheries resources in their seas, some have difficulty harvesting those resources due to the lack of equipment.

The ICFO is convinced that these donations realize the cooperative principle of Cooperation among Cooperatives.



(Unit: USD)

Year	Organization	Items	Value
2010	Cooperative Union of the Philippines	Computers & Printers	4,920
	Vietnam Cooperative Alliance	Computers & Printers	4,943
	Bangladesh National Cooperative Union	Computers	5,000
	Sri Lanka National Fish Federation Cooperative Society Ltd.	Computers	5,000
2011	National Federation of Indonesian Fishermen's Cooperative Societies	Fishing equipment	14,000
	Cooperative League of Thailand	Computers & Printers	5,324
	National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd. India	Computers & Printers	4,800
	Vietnam Cooperative Alliance	Fishing equipment	19,953
2012	National Fishermen's Association of Malaysia	Computers & Printers	10,500
	Central Cooperative Society Ltd. Myanmar	Computers & Printers	10,674
Total	Total		85,114

Education and Training: The Korean Fisheries Cooperatives' Business Knowledge Sharing Education

On 18 October 1977, an ICA Fisheries Committee meeting was held in Hamburg, West Germany. Mr. Saito, ICFO Chairman, proposed that education and training should be the most important activities, with the belief that they are the best ways to increase fishermen's incomes and overcome the crises facing the fishing industry. Since then, education and training have become one of the primary activities of ICA Fisheries.



JF ZENGYOREN which operated the ICFO Secretariat, provided various programs, including the Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives of South East Asian Countries, Training Project for Leaders of World Fisheries Cooperatives, and Training Project for the Promotion of Community-Based Fishery Resource Management by Small-Scale Fishers in Asia.

The KNFC, currently operating the ICFO Secretariat, has decided to share the experiences of Korean fisheries cooperatives for the development of fisheries cooperatives in developing nations. Korea, an OECD Development Assistance Committee member, is focused on sharing its experiences of economic development to maximize its assistance. Korea has developed from one of the poorest countries in the world to the 10th largest economy within a relatively short period.

In line with this, the ICFO invited 12 fishermen from the Cooperative Union of the Philippines in 2011 and 13 fishermen from the Vietnam Cooperative Alliance in 2012 to Korea for the knowledge sharing education.

The attendees learned the business of Korean fisheries cooperatives, such as safe fishing operations, mutual credit, cooperative insurance, fisheries price support programs, etc. They had the opportunity to learn from Korean fisheries knowledge about fisheries resource assessment and management, fishing vessel operations, fishing equipment design and operations, fish farming, etc. They also visited fisheries cooperatives and the Busan Cooperative Fish Market to learn how cooperative fish markets operate in Korea.

The ICFO anticipates that this education will promote the development of the fishing industry in developing countries and realize the cooperative principles of Education, Training and Information, and Cooperation among Cooperatives.

Accomplishments of the ICFO

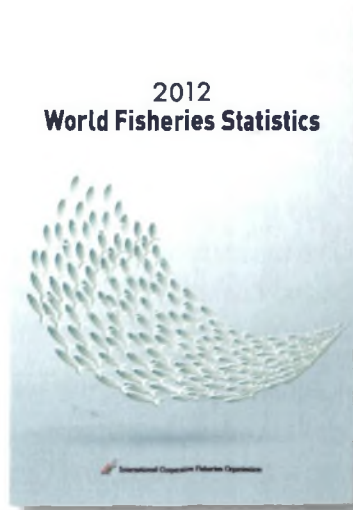
Publication of Fisheries Information

Although we live in the Information Age, information on fisheries is scant compared to other industries such as agriculture. This insufficiency impedes the development of the fishing industry.

Therefore, the ICFO has published "World Fisheries," containing key trends, related statistics and policy developments since 2010 in major fishing countries: Korea, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, China, the Philippines, Norway, France, Argentine, Indonesia, India, Canada, Iceland, Australia, etc.

The ICFO published this book to share and apply the fisheries policies of major fishing countries. It is anticipated that the book will develop the fishing industry by promoting the worldwide exports and imports of sea food.

Furthermore, the ICFO issued "World Fisheries Statistics" in 2012 to offer more detailed and segmented information on the fishing industry. It includes the fisheries statistics of more than 30 countries, including Korea, the EU, China, etc.



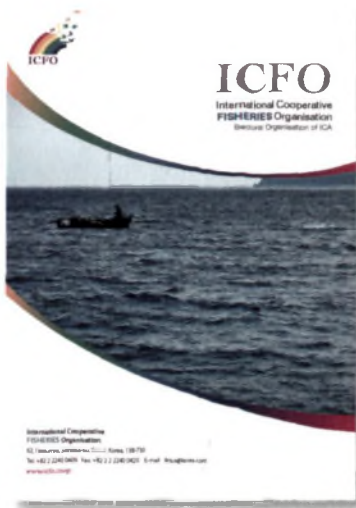
ICFO Website and other Publication

Since its establishment in 1976, the ICFO has worked on various activities such as ICFO annual meetings, counter-plans to WTO open market policies and seminars for the development of underdeveloped countries' fisheries, etc. The ICFO created its official website (www.icfo.coop) in 2010 to publicize these accomplishments.

Through the homepage, the ICFO will strengthen its public relations activities by providing information such as news and data on fisheries and cooperatives, various statistical data, etc. to member organizations and cooperatives around the world. Particularly, due to the limits of distance, active exchange among the member organizations has been insufficient. However, it is hoped that the website will promote information exchange among the member organizations.



The ICFO has also published a brochure to introduce the purpose, activities, and member list of the ICFO. A brief history of the ICFO, including its founding, list of former presidents, and accomplishments, was published for the 1st Annual World Fisheries Cooperative Day, held on 16 June 2011. It has also published, since 2010, the ICFO Newsletter to explain its annual activities and programs.



Accomplishments of the ICFO

The ICA Rochdale Pioneer Prize

The ICFO established the World Fisheries Cooperative Day, the first of its kind among the eight ICA sectoral organizations, and adopted the Fisheries Cooperators' Pledge to the Fishermen of the World to promote fishermen's welfare and create a brighter future for fisheries. It established the foundations for the development of future fisheries by sharing expertise and experiences among fisheries cooperatives around the world.

The KNFC specifically issued "The Korean Fisheries Cooperatives' Business Knowledge Sharing Program" to share the experiences of its core business, which have contributed greatly to the development of the Korean fishing industry and of the KNFC itself, such as consignment sales, the supply of tax-exempt oil and the fisheries financial fund systems, etc. Mr. Charles Gould, ICA Director-General, has stated that it is a tremendous resource for fisheries everywhere and he would like to assist in making it available to interested fisheries cooperatives and apex organizations.

The ICFO also donated computers and printers worth about USD 51,000 to 9 countries, such as India, Myanmar, the Philippines, etc., and contributed fishing equipment worth about USD 34,000 to Vietnam and Indonesia. The ICFO has set a good example for fisheries cooperatives worldwide by providing the Korean Fisheries Cooperatives' Business Knowledge Sharing Education to fishermen of the Philippines and Vietnam for the sustainable development of the fishing industry.

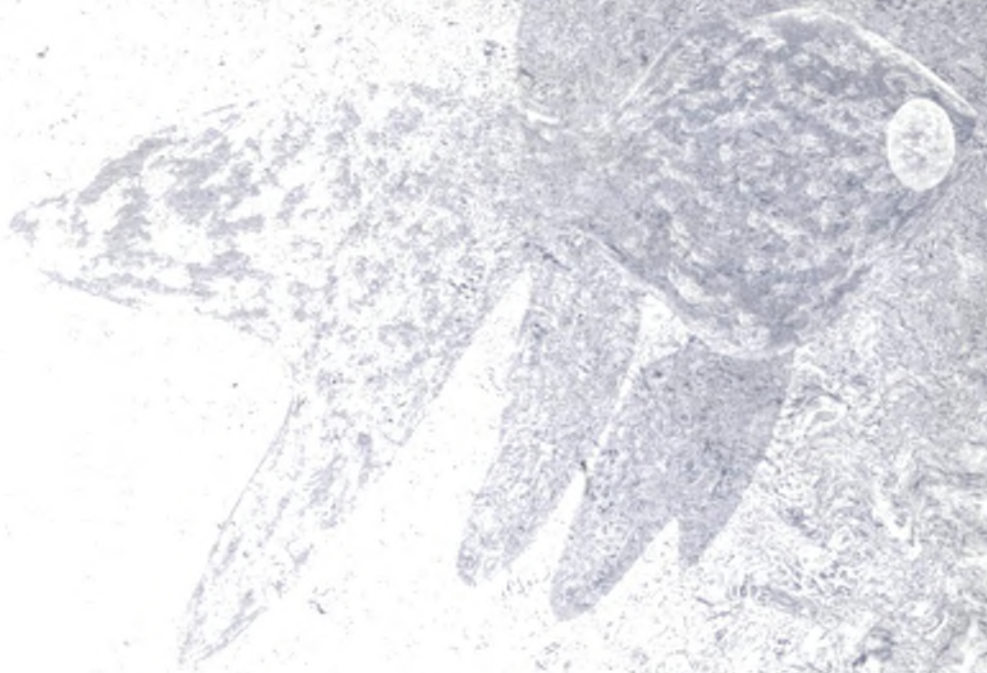
In recognition of these efforts and accomplishments, the ICA awarded the ICA Rochdale Pioneer Prize, considered to be the Nobel Prize of the cooperative movement, to the ICFO Chairman, Mr. Lee Jong-koo, at the ICA General Assembly in Cancun, Mexico, in November 2011.

The Rochdale Prize was established in 2011 in commemoration of the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers, formed in 1844 by a group of 10 weavers and 20 others in Rochdale, Lancashire, England. It is presented bi-annually at the ICA General Assembly to a cooperator who has made the greatest contributions to cooperatives.




List of ICFO Members

Country	Organization	Remarks
Bangladesh	Bangladesh National Cooperative Union	
Canada	Newfoundland-Labrador Federation of Co-operatives	
Fiji	Fiji Co-operative Union Ltd.	
France	Caisse Centrale de Credit Cooperatif Confederation de la Cooperation de la Mutualite et du Credit Maritimes	
Hungary	Hungarian Fish Farmers Association	
India	National Federation of Fishermen's Co-operatives Ltd.	
Indonesia	National Federation of Indonesian Fishermen's Cooperative Societies	
Italy	Legapesca (National Association of Fisheries Co-operatives) Fedcoopescas (Federazione Nazionale Cooperative delle Pesca)	
Japan	National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations	
Korea	Korea National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives	
Myanmar	Central Co-operative Society Limited	
Tanzania	Tanzania Federation of Co-operatives Ltd.	
Thailand	The Co-operative League of Thailand	
Vietnam	Vietnam Co-operative Alliance	



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