**Intellectual Property Policy**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide and describe in a single document the policy and strategic intentions for the management of intellectual property and aquatic genetic resources, for the benefit of the L.A.M stakeholders and staff.

2. Scope of this Policy

The scope of this policy is confined to the definition and management of intellectual property generated, used or transferred by L.A.M, and to the specification of the principles for the collection, research, associated use and transfer of aquatic genetic resources by the Center and its partners.

3. Definitions

Intellectual property (IP) means information, ideas, inventions, innovations, art work, designs, literary text and any other matter or thing whatsoever that as a creation of human intervention, that may be capable of legal protection or the subject of legal rights, as granted by national laws and which may include the following items: patents; information which is of a kind and which has been communicated in such a way as to give rise to a duty of confidentiality (a trade secret or “know-how” are examples of this type of IP); copyright vesting in literary works (including computer programs), dramatic works, musical works, artistic works, films, sound recordings, multi media works, broadcast, published editions and certain types of performance; registered trademarks; unregistered trademarks used or intended for use in business, plant breeders rights or equivalent; registered designs and designs capable of being registered; layout designs of integrated circuits; databases; and other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, commercial, scientific, literary and artistic fields.

• “Intellectual property right” (IPR) means the right or rights conferred by the law, which protect innovations or creativity from being appropriated by others.