

Colin Shelley, Ph.D. International Mud Crab Expert

Colin has been involved with mud crab (*Scylla* spp.) aquaculture and fisheries since the early 1990s, his work including R&D, industry development and operating mud crab farms.



He has worked on mud crabs in countries including Australia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Mauritius Fiji and Malaysia, consulting for various organisations such as the FAO, the WorldFish Center, the Wildlife Conservation Society and ACIAR, as well as the private sector.

Currently based in Kuching, Malaysia, Colin is passionate about mud crab aquaculture and management of wild stocks, having seen severe overfishing in many countries. He is particularly excited to be involved in developing and adapting new technologies for mud crab farming, to improve productivity and profitability.

He has built a small cadre of professionals from Australia, Philippines and Vietnam that together can provide expert consulting services on any aspect of mud crab aquaculture or mud crab fisheries management, including design of facilities, farm management, recruitment of specialist staff, marketing, post-harvest quality control, business planning, development of management plans for wild fisheries and contract R&D.

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