

Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI)

Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Voluntary Chair of Excellence

MBAI-Dr. E.G. Silas Chair on

Marine Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity



About MBAI

A premier professional body committed to advancing marine sciences, fisheries, and sustainable ocean development in India.

Invitation

MBAI invites eminent scientists, academicians, and leaders to apply/nominated for the prestigious: MBAI-Dr. E.G. Silas Chair on Marine Fisheries & Aquatic Biodiversity

Focus Areas:

- Marine biodiversity
- Marine fisheries & sustainability
- Fisheries policy
- Ecosystem-based fisheries management

Purpose of the Chair

- Honour lifetime contributions in marine sciences
- Provide strategic guidance & policy inputs
- Mentor young scientists & professionals
- Enhance MBAI visibility & global linkages

Nature of the Position

- Honorary (No salary/remuneration)
- Role as Brand Ambassador of MBAI
- Engagement in lectures, mentoring & advisory roles

Eligibility

- Retired Secretary/ DDG/ Vice-Chancellor of University/Academicians of equivalent international stature and Fellow of at least one of the National Academies (INSA, NASI, NAAS, IASc)
- Minimum 30 years of distinguished service
- Proven leadership in research, policy, or administration

Tenure

- 2 years

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic and policy guidance
- Participate in MBAI events (min. 2/year)
- Contribute to policy papers / reports
- Mentor students & early-career professionals
- Support partnerships & visibility initiatives

How to Apply / Nominate

Submit the following (PDF format):

- CV (max. 5 pages)
- Statement of Interest (vision & contributions)
- Application Form

(More Details, Please visit: <http://mbai.org.in>)

Important Note

- Position is purely honorary
- Selection is merit based
- MBAI reserves full rights regarding the process

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of Eoi: 30th April 2026

Announcement of Selected Chair Holder : 31st May 2026

Be a part of shaping the future of marine science and sustainability.

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MBAI
The Marine Biological Association of India

1. Introduction

The Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI), a premier professional body dedicated to the advancement of marine sciences, fisheries and sustainable ocean development, invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from eminent scientists and academicians for appointment to its Honorary Chair of Excellence.

This Chair is instituted to honour outstanding lifetime contributions in marine and allied sciences and to leverage the expertise of distinguished professionals for strategic guidance, mentoring, and advocacy in priority thematic areas. The appointment is purely honorary and without any financial remuneration/salary.

2. Objectives

The proposed Voluntary Chair of Excellence aims to:

- Recognize and honour lifetime contributions of eminent marine fisheries scientists and administrators.
- Leverage their expertise for strategic advice, policy inputs, and mentoring of early- and mid-career professionals.
- Enhance the brand value and visibility of MBAI through association with nationally and internationally reputed experts.
- Promote thematic leadership in priority areas of marine and aquatic sciences.
- Foster linkages with national and international institutions, funding agencies, and policymakers.

3. Proposed Chair

Applications / nominations are invited for "MBAI-Dr. E.G. Silas Chair on Marine Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity" to uphold and expand the scientific excellence established by Dr. E.G. Silas by promoting a multi disciplinary approach to marine sciences.

Focus Areas: Marine biodiversity, Marine fisheries & sustainability,

Fisheries policy, and Ecosystem-based fisheries management.

4. Nature of the Chair

- The Chair is an honorary position.
- Selected Chair will be designated as "MBAI - Dr. E.G. Silas Chair on Marine Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity."
- Chair Holder shall serve as the Brand Ambassador of MBAI.
- The expected engagement includes strategic advisory support, keynote / invited lectures, mentoring, and representation of MBAI in appropriate national and international forums.

5. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants / nominees must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- Retired Secretary/ DDG/ Vice-Chancellor of University/Academicians of equivalent international stature and Fellow of at least one of the National Academies (INSA, NASI, NAAS, IASc)

With:

- At least 30 years of distinguished service in Marine fisheries and Biodiversity.
- Demonstrated leadership in research, education, administration, or policy.
- A strong record of publications, institutional building, or societal impact.
- Willingness to contribute voluntarily to the objectives of MBAI.

6. Tenure

- Chair shall be held for a tenure of Two (2) years; MBAI reserves the right to terminate the tenure earlier in case of conflict of interest, or other valid reasons.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

The selected Chair shall:

- Act as a Brand Ambassador for MBAI.
- Provide strategic guidance in the respective thematic domain.
- Participate in at least two (2) MBAI activities per year (webinars, conferences, policy dialogues, etc.)
- Contribute to at least one (1) policy brief, concept note, or position paper annually.
- Mentor young scientists, students, and early-career professionals.
- Support MBAI in building partnerships and enhancing institutional visibility.
- Facilitate and promote membership of MBAI and also help to mobilise funding for conferences.

8. Administrative Support

- MBAI shall facilitate basic logistics and administrative support for scheduling, communications, and dissemination of outputs at the selected place of work.
- Chair may be affiliated to ICAR Institutes /Headquarters/ Centres/ Stations of the Institute subject to the acceptance by the respective organization.
- No dedicated financial commitments are envisaged, except minimal logistical / local travel expenses not exceeding fifty thousand rupees subject to the availability of funds.

9. Expected Outcomes

The Voluntary Chair of Excellence initiative is expected to:

- Strengthen MBAI's intellectual capital and strategic influence.
- Enhance national and international visibility of MBAI.
- Foster inter-generational knowledge transfer.
- Contribute to evidence-based policy formulation in marine and coastal sectors.
- Build a network of high-level advocates for marine sustainability and blue economy development.

10. Application / Nomination Process

10.1 Who Can Apply

- Eligible individuals may apply directly, or
- Nominations may be made by Fellows of MBAI, universities, R&D institutions, or recognized professional bodies.

10.2 Documents to be Submitted

Interested candidates / nominees shall submit the following:

1. Brief Curriculum Vitae (maximum 5 pages).
2. Statement of Interest (up to 1,000 words) outlining:
 - Vision for the Chair.
 - Proposed contributions to MBAI.
 - Alignment with the thematic focus area.
3. Completed Application / Nomination Form (Annexure-I).



11. Selection Process

The selection of Chair Holders shall follow a transparent and merit-based process:

1. Call for Expression of Interest (Eol) / Notification

- MBAI shall issue a public notification inviting Expressions of Interest from eligible candidates.
- Nominations may also be invited from Fellows of MBAI, universities, R&D institutions, and professional bodies.

2. Submission Requirements

Interested candidates / nominees shall submit:

- A brief curriculum vitae (maximum 5 pages).
- A statement of interest (up to 1,000 words) outlining their vision and proposed contributions.

3. Screening and Evaluation

- A Selection Committee constituted by the MBAI Executive Council shall screen applications.
- Evaluation shall be based on merit, relevance to the Chair theme, leadership credentials, and alignment with MBAI's mission.

4. Approval and Appointment

- Final approval shall rest with the MBAI Executive Council.
- Selected candidates shall be formally appointed through an official letter of appointment.

12. Important Dates

- **Last Date for Submission of Eol: 30th April 2026**
- **Announcement of Selected Chair Holder: 31th May 2026**

13. Mode of Submission

All applications / nominations must be submitted in electronic format (PDF) to:

The Secretary

Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI)

Email: marinembai2017@gmail.com

Tel : +91 484 2394420, 2394867

Subject Line: Eol for Dr. E.G. Silas Chair on Marine Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity

For more details, please visit <http://mbai.org.in>

14. General Terms and Conditions

- MBAI reserves the right to modify, cancel, or withdraw this notification at any stage without assigning any reason.
- Incomplete or late submissions shall not be considered.
- The decision of the MBAI Executive Council shall be final and binding.
- Appointment to the Chair does not create any employer–employee relationship with MBAI.
- Any conflict of interest must be declared at the time of application / nomination.



Annexure-I: Application / Nomination Form (Indicative)

- 1. Full Name:
- 2. Date of Birth:
- 3. Contact Address:
- 4. Email ID:
- 5. Mobile Number:
- 6. Current Status (Retired / Emeritus / Other):
- 7. Highest Position held (Secretary / DDG / VC / Others):
- 8. Area of Specialization:
- 9. Chair Applied / Nominated for:
- 10. Summary of Key Contributions (max. 300 words):
- 11. Statement of Interest attached: Yes / No
- 12. CV attached: Yes / No
- 13. Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the MBAI Voluntary Chair of Excellence, if selected.

Name:

Signature:

Date: