

**The Ethiopian Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Association, EFASA,** (Amharic: *Ye'Ethiopia Ye'Asa ena Yewuha Sayins Balemuyawoch Mahiber*) is a professional association established and legally registered by the Ministry of Justice in May 2007 (Certificate number 3128). The Association has twelve founding members working on the Biology of fishes, fisheries and aquatic sciences. Ethiopia is endowed with plenty of inland waters comprised of various drainage systems that are home to a diverse array of fauna, flora and micro-organisms. The biota in these waters has neither been well-studied nor fully utilized through sustainable development activities. Rather, habitat loss and environmental degradation is compromising sustainable utilization and conservation of fishes and other aquatic resources.

**EFASA** is, therefore, established to contribute towards effective implementation of research and development activities in fisheries and aquatic sciences in Ethiopia. This can be achieved through organizing problem- and solution-oriented conventions and fora for researchers, legal bodies and various target groups.

In this line, the representatives of **EFASA** would like to congratulate the Association's founders, and call fellow professionals and institutions to join the Society as members and assist in effecting the Inaugural Conference of EFASA, to be held at the beginning of 2008. Members of the Executive Committee of the Association will be elected during this historic conference.

As we are just starting our association, we do not at this moment have a permanent address and office. However, we can be contacted through the Biological Society of Ethiopia, attention: Dr Seyoum Mengistou, or through the Zoological Natural History Museum, Attention: Dr Abebe Getahun and Ato Abebe Ameha.

*Founding Committee of EFASA*