

Stephen Hall

Stephen Hall became Director General of the World Fish Center in Penang, Malaysia, on March 1, 2004.

Dr Stephen Hall, educated in Wales and Scotland, is an eminent fisheries scientist and research leader. He was Head of Fish Biology at the Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Dept Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen, before taking up a position as Professor of Marine Biology at Flinders University, South Australia and Director of the Lincoln Marine Science Centre. In 2000 he became Director/CEO of the Australian Institute of Marine Science. He has published extensively on the structure and functioning of marine ecological systems, focusing especially on the effects of natural and human disturbance. This work has recently culminated in a book on the global effects of fishing on marine communities and ecosystems.

Dr Hall has served on numerous national and international committees and is a past chairman of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) Working Group on the Ecosystem Effects of Fishing Activities - a group that provides advice to ICES and the European Commission on fishing effects and other aspects of coastal zone management. He was also a member of a US National Research Council Panel on the Effects of Trawling. In addition to these activities, he has acted as a consultant to the United Arab Emirates and the European Commission and is a recent recipient of a Pew Fellowship in Marine Conservation.