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Fish Vista: Comprehensive Intelligent Fish Farming Assistant and Automation

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Abstract: Is an innovative IoT- and AI-based system developed to transform traditional aquaculture into a smart, efficient, and sustainable process. Conventional fish farming often depends on manual monitoring and human experience, resulting in inefficiencies, higher mortality rates, and resource wastage. FISH VISTA overcomes these challenges through real-time data collection, machine learning, and automation. The system employs IoT sensors to monitor key parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and ammonia levels, transmitting data to a cloud-based platform for AI-driven analysis. This enables early disease detection, anomaly identification, and optimized feeding schedules. Deep learning—based computer vision techniques analyse fish behaviour and estimate growth and biomass. Automation modules control feeding, aeration, and water filtration through adaptive feedback loops, enhancing operational precision. A user-friendly dashboard allows remote monitoring and management. Edge computing minimizes latency, while cloud integration supports large-scale data analytics and predictive insights. Designed for scalability, FISH VISTA benefits both small and large aquaculture setups by reducing feed waste, improving water quality, and increasing productivity. Overall, the system empowers farmers with intelligent decision-making tools and promotes sustainable fish farming practices that balance technological advancement with environmental responsibility.

Keywords: IoT, AI, Automation, Aquaculture, Sustainability, Disease Prediction

I. INTRODUCTION

Aquaculture, or fish farming, is one of the fastest-growing sectors in global food production, yet traditional methods remain inefficient due to manual monitoring and inconsistent environmental control. Fish Vista: Comprehensive Intelligent Fish Farming Assistant and Automation System addresses these limitations by integrating the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and automation to create a smart, data-driven aquaculture platform. The system continuously monitors key water quality parameters—such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and ammonia—using IoT sensors. AI algorithms analyze the data to predict diseases, detect anomalies, and optimize feeding and aeration operations. Through automation, Fish Vista controls critical processes like feeding, water circulation, and oxygenation to maintain stable and healthy aquatic conditions. A cloud-based dashboard and mobile application allow farmers to monitor ponds remotely, receive real-time alerts, and access historical data for better decision-making. This intelligent system reduces human intervention, minimizes resource wastage, and promotes sustainable fish farming. By ensuring improved yield, lower mortality rates, and optimized resource utilization, Fish Vista empowers farmers with precise control and predictive insights.

II. OBJECTIVES

- To monitor pond water quality continuously using IoT sensors (temperature, pH, oxygen, ammonia, turbidity).
- To observe and analyze fish behavior using camera-based monitoring.
- To detect early signs of fish disease through AI-powered analysis.
- To predict potential disease outbreaks before they occur.
- To send instant alerts and notifications to farmers via mobile app or SMS.

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- To provide actionable recommendations for pond management and corrective measures.
- To reduce fish mortality and improve overall fish health.
- To enhance productivity and profitability for farmers.
- To create a user-friendly interface suitable for farmers with minimal technical knowledge.
- To continuously improve the system's accuracy through AI learning from collected data over time.

III. SCOPE

The scope is to design and develop a smart system that helps fish farmers manage their farms more efficiently using modern technologies like IoT (Internet of Things), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and automation. The main goal of the project is to reduce manual work and improve fish growth and health by using intelligent monitoring and automatic control. The system will use smart IoT sensors to measure important water conditions such as temperature, pH, oxygen, turbidity, and ammonia levels in real time. This helps farmers keep the water environment suitable for fish at all times. The collected data is analysed by AI programs that can identify any unusual changes, predict possible diseases, and recommend the best feeding or aeration schedules. Automated devices will handle feeding, water circulation, and oxygen control automatically, ensuring accuracy and reducing human error. Farmers can check all information on a mobile app or website, where they can see live updates, receive alerts, and manage their ponds from anywhere. The system is suitable for both small and large fish farms and promotes sustainable farming by saving water, feed, and energy—making aquaculture smarter, easier, and more profitable.

IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

SR.NO.	TITLE	YEAR	AUTHER	SUMMARY
1.	Deep learning for smart fish	2022	X. Yang, S. Zhang, J. Liu	A broad review of deep-learning
	farming: applications,		Q. Gao, S. Dong, C. Zhou	applications in aquaculture: fish
	opportunities and			detection/counting, behavioural analysis,
	challenges			feeding decision support, size/biomass
				estimation and water- quality prediction;
				highlights data, algorithm and
				deployment challenges for "smart fish
				farming
	Application of intelligent		Y. Wu, Y. Duan, Y.	Reviews intelligent/unmanned systems
	and unmanned equipment in		Wei, D. An, J. Liu	(USVs/ROVs, automated feeders,
	aquaculture			sensing platforms) used for feeding,
				water-quality sensing and biomass
				estimation in aquaculture, and
				summarises technical gaps for real-world
				deployment.
3.	A Novel Autonomous	2022		Presents an unmanned surface vehicle
	Robotics System for		K. Xue, H. Qian	(USV) platform for automated water-
	Aquaculture Environment			quality sampling and coverage planning
	Monitoring			(TSP/CPP based) to reduce manual
				inspection burden — validated in
				simulation and field tests
4.	Fish Disease	2021	M. S. Ahmed, T. T.	Proposes image-processing + ML
	Detection Using		Aurpa, M. A. K. Azad	pipeline (feature extraction
	Image Based Machine			+ SVM/CNN variants) to classify
	Learning Technique in			infected vs healthy fish; demonstrates
	Aquaculture			promising accuracy on a salmon dataset

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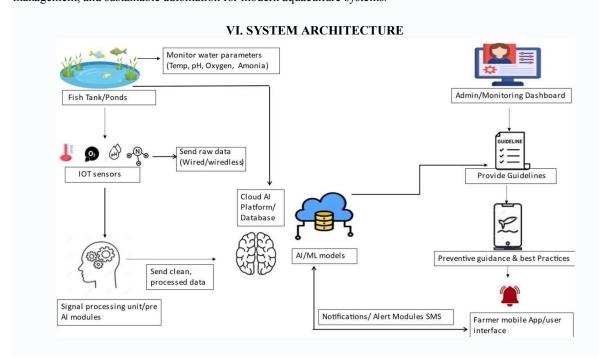
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				and argues for early visual
				disease screening.
5.	A Machine Learning	2021	Al-Akhir Nayan et al	Uses water-quality time-series (pH, DO,
	Approach for Early			ammonia, etc.) with ML classifiers to
	Detection of Fish Diseases			predict or flag abnormal conditions likely
	by Analyzing Water Quality			to precede disease outbreaks — helpful
				for alarm systems and preventive
				management.

V. METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for this study follows a systematic and multidisciplinary approach that integrates literature analysis, system design, and performance evaluation to develop and validate FISH VISTA: Comprehensive Intelligent Fish Farming Assistant and Automation System. The research process began with an extensive review of existing studies and technological developments in smart aquaculture, IoT-based water monitoring, AI-driven disease prediction, and automation techniques for sustainable fish farming. Relevant literature published between 2018 and 2025 was selected from reputable academic databases such as IEEE Xplore, SpringerLink, ScienceDirect, and Google Scholar, focusing on works addressing real-time water quality monitoring, intelligent feeding systems, and environmental prediction models. The data collection process involved both secondary data from research studies and primary data generated from IoT-enabled sensors and prototype pond environments. Sensors such as pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and ammonia sensors were integrated with microcontrollers (Arduino/Raspberry Pi) for continuous data acquisition. The backend system, developed using Python, IoT Cloud APIs, and MySQL, processed data related to water parameters, feeding schedules, and aeration control. Analytical techniques were applied to evaluate system efficiency and reliability. Quantitative analysis measured parameters such as sensor accuracy, response time, and water stability, while qualitative evaluation focused on automation reliability, scalability, and ease of use for farmers. The outcomes validated the effectiveness of FISH VISTA in achieving intelligent monitoring, predictive management, and sustainable automation for modern aquaculture systems.



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6.1. Overview of System Architecture

The system architecture of FISH VISTA: Comprehensive Intelligent Fish Farming Assistant and Automation System integrates IoT, cloud computing, and AI/ML technologies for smart aquaculture management. IoT sensors deployed in fish ponds monitor key water parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and ammonia levels. These sensors transmit raw data (wired or wirelessly) to a signal processing unit or pre-AI module, where the data is cleaned and processed. The refined data is then sent to a cloud-based AI/ML platform that analyzes patterns, predicts potential risks, and provides actionable insights. The processed results and alerts are displayed on an admin or monitoring dashboard, which also generates preventive guidelines and best practices for farmers. Additionally, notifications and alerts are sent to farmers via mobile apps or SMS, helping them take timely corrective actions. This architecture ensures continuous monitoring, intelligent decision-making, and automated guidance for sustainable and efficient fish farming operations.

6.2 Architectural Components Hardware Components

- The hardware layer of Fish Vista consists of a network of IoT-enabled sensors and smart devices that continuously collect environmental, biological, and operational data from fish ponds and aquaculture systems. It enables real-time monitoring, automation, and disease prevention. It includes water quality sensors, feeding actuators, temperature and pH sensors, oxygen level monitors, camera-based fish behavior analyzers, and automatic aeration and filtration controllers.
- · Water quality sensors continuously monitor key parameters such as temperature, pH, turbidity, salinity, and ammonia levels to maintain optimal aquatic conditions.
- Feeding actuators automate the feeding process based on preset schedules or AI-driven predictions of fish appetite and growth patterns.
- · Oxygen level monitors track dissolved oxygen concentration to ensure sufficient aeration and trigger the automatic aerator when oxygen levels drop.

Software Components

- The software layer integrates intelligent web and mobile applications with a cloud-based backend to provide seamless control, monitoring, and analytics. It primarily includes three core applications — Farmer App, Expert Dashboard, and Admin Control Panel.
- The Farmer App allows users to monitor pond conditions in real time, receive automated alerts (e.g., low oxygen or high ammonia), and control feeding or aeration systems remotely.
- The Expert Dashboard provides AI-driven analytics, fish health insights, and predictive disease outbreak detection to support data-based decision-making.
- The Admin Control Panel enables centralized management of ponds, user accounts, equipment status, and financial reports while generating performance metrics and sustainability analytics.
- · All applications are connected to a secure cloud infrastructure that handles data storage, AI analytics, user authentication, and communication between IoT devices and mobile/web clients in real time.

6.3. Architectural Models

- Frontend Layer (Farmer Mobile App & Admin Dashboard) This layer manages user interaction and visualization. The Farmer App allows users to monitor pond conditions, receive alerts, and view preventive guidelines, while the Admin Dashboard enables system administrators to oversee data analytics, system performance, and farm operations.
- · Backend Layer (Application Server & APIs) This layer handles data processing, authentication, and communication between the frontend and the cloud. It manages tasks such as device registration, alert generation, and data analytics requests using secure RESTful APIs.
- Data Layer (Cloud Database & AI Models) Responsible for securely storing sensor data, fish health records, and environmental history. Integrated AI/ML models analyze this data to predict disease risks, optimize feeding, and recommend corrective measures for maintaining ideal pond conditions.

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• IoT Sensor Layer (Hardware Components) — Comprises IoT sensors, microcontrollers, and automation modules that continuously collect water quality data (temperature, pH, oxygen, turbidity, ammonia) and control devices like aerators and feeders based on AI-driven decisions.

6.4. Design Principles

Scalability:

The cloud-based architecture of FISH VISTA enables seamless integration of multiple fish ponds and farms across different locations without affecting system performance. New sensors, devices, or farms can be added through modular configuration, allowing the system to grow as farming operations expand.

Modularity:

Each component—IoT sensors, ESP32 microcontroller, cloud platform, and mobile application—operates as an independent module. This modular design allows easy maintenance, updates, and troubleshooting without disrupting other components, ensuring continuous and reliable operation.

Security:

The system ensures data integrity and user safety through secure authentication, encrypted communication, and access control mechanisms. Communication between IoT devices and the cloud is protected using HTTPS and token-based authentication, while user logins and alerts are verified to prevent unauthorized access.

Performance:

High performance is achieved through real-time monitoring, efficient data processing, and low-latency communication between sensors and the cloud. The use of ESP32 microcontrollers ensures fast data transmission, while calibrated sensors provide accurate measurements with minimal delay. This ensures timely detection of anomalies and quick response actions for maintaining optimal pond conditions.

6.5. Case Studies or Examples

Case Study 1: Smart Pond Monitoring and Automated Feeding

A coastal aquaculture farm operating 25 fish ponds and managing over 50,000 fish adopted the Fish Vista system to automate and optimize its daily farming operations. Each pond was equipped with IoT-based water quality sensors and AI-enabled feeding actuators that continuously monitored real-time parameters such as temperature, pH, oxygen, and turbidity levels. The system automatically adjusted feeding schedules and aeration cycles based on live environmental data and fish activity patterns. Farmers received instant mobile alerts through the Fish Vista app in case of critical parameter fluctuations, ensuring timely intervention. After implementation, the farm reported a 60% reduction in manual labor, 30% improvement in feed utilization efficiency, and a drastic decrease in fish mortality rates caused by water quality imbalances. This automation significantly enhanced productivity, reduced operational costs, and improved the sustainability of aquaculture practices.

Case Study 2: Disease Prevention and Predictive Maintenance

In another large-scale inland aquaculture facility prone to frequent fish diseases and mechanical breakdowns, the Fish Vista platform leveraged AI-driven analytics and predictive IoT maintenance systems to improve overall reliability. Camera-based behavior analyzers and health monitoring sensors were installed to detect early signs of fish stress, infections, or irregular swimming patterns. Simultaneously, equipment sensors tracked the performance of aerators, filters, and pumps, sending real-time alerts in case of malfunctions or maintenance requirements. During a disease outbreak scenario, Fish Vista's AI module successfully identified anomalies in oxygen and ammonia trends, allowing farmers to take preventive action before the infection spread. As a result, the facility achieved a 45% reduction in disease-related losses, minimized downtime through timely equipment maintenance, and established a data-driven decision-making process that strengthened the farm's operational resilience.

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6.6. Future Trends

• Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML)

Future versions of Fish Vista will incorporate advanced AI and ML algorithms for predictive analytics—enabling early detection of diseases, automatic optimization of feed quantities, and adaptive environmental control. These intelligent models will continuously learn from historical farm data to enhance accuracy and efficiency in farm management decisions.

• Drone and Underwater Robotics Integration

The integration of aerial drones and underwater robots will enable automated surveillance of large fish farms. These devices will assist in pond mapping, fish counting, health monitoring, and waste management, improving both coverage and accuracy while reducing human intervention.

• Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Farming Practices

Fish Vista aims to support sustainable aquaculture through smart resource utilization. Future updates will introduce modules for energy-efficient aeration, water recycling management, and carbon footprint monitoring, promoting environmentally responsible fish farming operations.

VII. FINDINGS

- Enables real-time monitoring of water quality for improved fish health.
- Reduces manual labor through automation of feeding and aeration.
- Uses AI to predict and prevent disease outbreaks early.
- Enhances productivity and profitability in fish farming operations.
- Promotes sustainable aquaculture through efficient resource management.
- Provides data-driven insights for smarter decision-making.
- Ensures scalability and flexibility for farms of different sizes.
- Improves accuracy and reliability of environmental data collection.
- Strengthens farmer awareness through mobile alerts and analytics.
- Supports eco-friendly and technology-driven fish farming practices.

VIII. DISCUSSION

The results indicate that integrating IoT- and AI-based intelligent management systems like FISH VISTA into aquaculture can significantly improve both efficiency and reliability in fish farming operations. Unlike traditional systems that mainly focus on manual monitoring, FISH VISTA provides a comprehensive and balanced approach by incorporating automation, data analytics, and scalability, making it suitable for large-scale fish farms. The system ensures accurate monitoring of water quality, optimized feeding, and early disease detection, which together enhance fish health and overall yield. Practically, these findings suggest that farmers, policymakers, and aquaculture developers should adopt smart monitoring tools and AI-based management systems to achieve sustainable and productive aquaculture. However, the study also recognizes limitations such as the dependency on stable internet connectivity, sensor calibration needs, and initial setup costs, which could pose challenges for implementation in rural or resource-limited areas.

IX. CONCLUSION

The Fish Vista System represents a significant advancement in the modernization of aquaculture through the seamless integration of IoT, Artificial Intelligence, and cloud computing technologies. By enabling real-time monitoring of critical water parameters, automating feeding and maintenance operations, and providing predictive insights into fish health and equipment performance, Fish Vista bridges the gap between traditional fish farming and intelligent automation. The system not only enhances productivity, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness, but also ensures sustainability by reducing manual labor, minimizing resource wastage, and preventing disease outbreaks through data-driven decision-making. With its interconnected applications — the Farmer App, Expert Dashboard, and Admin Control Panel — the platform provides end-to-end visibility, control, and analytics for efficient aquaculture

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management. Furthermore, the integration of AI-based predictions, blockchain-enabled traceability, and eco-friendly automation positions Fish Vista as a next-generation smart aquaculture solution that supports sustainable food production and environmental conservation.

In conclusion, Fish Vista demonstrates how technology can transform traditional aquaculture into a smart, connected, and sustainable ecosystem, paving the way for a more secure, productive, and data-driven future in fish farming.

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