

### Presidents Awards for Publications - 2020

Two NARA Scientists were honored during the President's Awards for Scientific Research years 2019 and 2020 organized by the National Research Council (NRC) of Sri Lanka, are a prestigious recognition of the top 100 scientific publications. Dr. (Ms.) P. P. M. Heenatigala, Principal Scientist and Head of the Inland Aquatic Resources and Aquaculture Division for being honored with the President's award for her outstanding research titled "Expression of Lam B Vaccine Antigen in *Wolffia globosa* (Duckweed) Against Fish Vibriosis." This recognition is a testament to her dedication and contributions to the field of inland aquatic resources and aquaculture. The publication of her study in the prestigious journal "Frontiers in Immunology" further highlights the significance of her research.



Mr. K.P.G.L. Sandaruwan, a distinguished Scientist affiliated with the Socio Economics and Marketing Research Division (SED) at NARA, has been recognized with the prestigious President's Award for his exceptional research titled "Addressing Alcoholism and Domestic Violence in Fisheries—An Innovative Opportunity to Enhance Well-being for Vulnerable Communities in Global Fisheries." This noteworthy study has been published in the esteemed journal "Fish and Fisheries."



NARA, truly value and appreciate the hard work, dedication, and significant contributions made by the two Scientists in their respective fields. Their efforts play a crucial role in advancing knowledge, driving innovation, and addressing important challenges. NARA is committed to supporting and recognizing the achievements of her scientists as they continue to make valuable contributions to their fields of expertise and the country.

The award ceremony, for publication years 2019 and 2020, took place on November 21, 2023, at the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Memorial Exposition Centre of the BMICH in Colombo 07.