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4- Executive Summary

AquaVision is a comprehensive **Internet of Things (IoT)** solution designed for commercial-scale smart aquaculture, built on a modular, four-tier hierarchical architecture that allows for **full customization** based on farm size and complexity. While this report details a representative installation featuring **50 sensor nodes** distributed across the farm, the design is inherently scalable to meet varying operational demands. The system's goal is to optimize farm productivity, reduce operational costs, and improve fish health outcomes. At the base, sensor nodes continuously monitor critical environmental parameters (temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen) and employ **Low-Frequency Radio-Frequency Identification (LF-RFID)** to track **7,500 fish** individually for unprecedented behavioral and growth insights.

The Network Layer aggregates this massive dataset via **LoRaWAN** from 5 collector nodes, capitalizing on the protocol's long-range and **ultra-low power consumption**, and ensures reliable, low-latency transmission to the central controller through **wired Ethernet** connections. The **Edge Computing Layer**, built around a **Raspberry Pi 5** central node, provides the system's local intelligence and resilience. This node features a 10.1-inch **touchscreen dashboard** for on-site managers and performs **edge AI inference** for immediate control actions. Bidirectional communication with the remote **AWS IoT Cloud** is established using the secure **MQTT-TLS** protocol over **4G LTE**. Leveraging the Cloud Application Layer, **advanced AI algorithms** analyze historical and real-time data using services like AWS SageMaker and RDS to optimize water quality, predict feeding schedules, and facilitate early **disease outbreak detection**, thereby driving critical, data-driven decisions.

End-users interact with the system through two intuitive interfaces: the local **touchscreen dashboard** for real-time manual control, and a **mobile application** for remote oversight. The mobile app's centerpiece is an **AI-powered chatbot** that supports natural language queries for instant status updates and control commands, complemented by immediate **push notifications** and SMS alerts for critical events. AquaVision represents a **transformative approach** to sustainable aquaculture, positioning fish farms for increased **profitability** and **environmental sustainability** by significantly reducing manual labor and minimizing resource waste through continuous, **AI-driven analytics**.

5- Name of IoT Vertical Application

AquaVision operates squarely within the **Smart Agriculture** vertical, specifically focusing on **Smart Aquaculture** and Precision Fish Farming. The system's primary goal is to transform traditional commercial fish farms into highly efficient, **data-driven** operations by continuously monitoring critical biological and environmental parameters, such as **water quality** and individual **fish welfare**. The deployment aims to optimize resource consumption, maximize yield, and ensure the **environmental sustainability** of modern fish farming practices, positioning it as a key application in the future of food technology [1].

6- Functions Performed by the IOT System

6.1 Individual Fish Tracking via LF-RFID

AquaVision implements a revolutionary fish tracking system using passive Low-Frequency Radio-Frequency Identification (LF-RFID) technology operating at 125 kHz. Each fish in the farm receives a biocompatible glass tube implant (12mm × 2mm dimensions) containing a

passive RFID transponder during initial stocking procedures performed by trained veterinarians.

RDM6300 RFID readers integrated into each tank's sensor node continuously scan for tagged fish within a 5-10 cm detection radius. When a fish swims near the reader antenna (typically positioned at feeding zones or circulation areas), the system captures the fish's unique identification number, timestamp, and signal strength (RSSI), creating a comprehensive movement database.

Key Capabilities:

- **Growth Monitoring:** By correlating RFID detections with manual weight measurements during periodic handling, the system tracks individual fish growth rates and identifies slow-growing or potentially diseased individuals requiring intervention.
- **Feeding Behavior Analysis:** Detection frequency at feeding zones indicates appetite levels and feeding competition dynamics, enabling optimization of feeding schedules and quantities to reduce waste while maximizing growth.
- **Mortality Detection:** Fish that show no RFID detections for extended periods (typically 24-48 hours depending on tank size and fish species) trigger mortality alerts, allowing prompt removal of dead fish to prevent water quality degradation.
- **Movement Pattern Analysis:** Unusual movement patterns, such as increased surface activity or lethargic behavior (reduced detection frequency), can indicate environmental stress, disease onset, or water quality issues requiring immediate attention.
- **Inventory Management:** Automated fish counting provides real-time inventory data, eliminating manual counting errors and enabling precise harvest planning and restocking decisions.

This individual tracking capability represents a significant advancement over traditional aquaculture monitoring systems that only measure aggregate environmental parameters without insight into individual fish welfare and behavior.

6.2 Multi-Tank Water Quality Monitoring

AquaVision continuously monitors four critical water quality parameters across all 50 tanks simultaneously, ensuring optimal environmental conditions for fish health and growth:

- **Temperature Monitoring:** DS18B20 waterproof digital temperature sensors measure water temperature with $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ accuracy every 5 minutes. The system maintains species-specific optimal temperature ranges (typically 25-30°C for tilapia, 24-28°C for catfish) and triggers cooling/heating actions when thresholds are exceeded. Temperature data correlates with dissolved oxygen levels and fish metabolic rates, informing feeding and aeration decisions.
- **pH Level Monitoring:** Analog pH sensors track water acidity/alkalinity every 10 minutes with ± 0.1 pH unit accuracy. Fish health critically depends on maintaining species-appropriate pH levels (typically 6.5-8.5 for most species). Deviations trigger alerts and guide water treatment interventions such as lime addition (raise pH) or carbon dioxide injection (lower pH).
- **Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Monitoring:** Galvanic or optical dissolved oxygen sensors measure oxygen concentration every 5 minutes with $\pm 0.5 \text{ mg/L}$ accuracy. DO levels below

5 mg/L cause stress; below 3 mg/L causes fish mortality. The system automatically activates aerators when DO drops below 7 mg/L, maintaining a safety margin and ensuring continuous oxygen availability for fish respiration.

- **Water Level Monitoring:** HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensors mounted above each tank measure water depth every 10 minutes with ± 1 cm accuracy. Low water levels indicate evaporation or leaks requiring attention; high levels suggest pump malfunctions or overflow risks. Automated pumps maintain target water levels, ensuring proper tank hydraulics and filtration system operation.

The simultaneous monitoring of all 50 tanks enables comparative analysis, identifying systemic issues (affecting multiple tanks) versus localized problems (single tank anomalies), accelerating troubleshooting and reducing response times.

6.3 Hierarchical Data Aggregation (Star Topology)

AquaVision employs a carefully designed hierarchical architecture that balances system scalability, power efficiency, and communication reliability through a star network topology at each hierarchical level.

- **Sensor Node Layer:** Each of the 50 sensor nodes operates independently, collecting data from attached sensors and RFID readers. Nodes use ultra-low-power sleep modes between measurements, waking only to read sensors (30 seconds every 5 minutes) and transmit data packets (2-3 seconds per transmission), achieving multi-year battery life from a single 18650 Li-ion cell.
- **Collector Node Layer:** Five collector nodes (Raspberry Pi Zero W with LoRa HAT modules) serve as LoRaWAN gateways, each managing 10 sensor nodes in a star configuration. Collector nodes remain continuously powered via wall adapters, performing several critical functions:
 - **Data Aggregation:** Receiving and buffering data packets from 10 sensor nodes, reducing the number of connections the central node must manage from 50 to 5.
 - **Local Processing:** Basic data validation, outlier detection, and timestamp synchronization to ensure data quality before forwarding to the central node.
 - **Fault Isolation:** If one collector fails, only 10 tanks are affected; the remaining 40 tanks continue normal operation, ensuring system resilience.
- **Central Node Layer:** The Raspberry Pi 5-based central node receives aggregated data from all 5 collectors via wired Ethernet connections (one RJ45 cable per collector). Ethernet provides gigabit bandwidth, sub-millisecond latency, and immunity to wireless interference, ensuring reliable real-time control for critical applications like emergency aerator activation

Star Topology Justification:

The deliberate choice of star topology over mesh networks (common in systems like ZigBee) provides several advantages:

1. **Simplified Routing:** Direct point-to-point communication eliminates complex mesh routing algorithms, reducing software complexity and potential failure modes.
2. **Predictable Latency:** Star topology guarantees single-hop communication with consistent, minimal latency, critical for real-time control applications.

3. **Power Efficiency:** Sensor nodes transmit only to their collector (not relaying for other nodes), minimizing transmission time and power consumption.
4. **Scalability:** Adding new sensor nodes requires only registering them with the nearest collector; no mesh re-optimization needed.
5. **Fault Tolerance:** Collector failures are isolated; nodes do not depend on neighboring nodes for connectivity.

6.4 AI-Powered Water Quality Optimization

AquaVision's cloud-based AI engine continuously analyzes sensor data alongside external factors (weather forecasts, seasonal patterns, fish growth stage) to dynamically optimize water quality parameters and predict future conditions.

Machine Learning Models:

- **Water Quality Prediction Model:** A time-series forecasting model (LSTM neural network) trained on historical data predicts temperature, pH, and DO levels 6-24 hours ahead based on current readings, time of day, weather forecasts, and seasonal trends. Predictions enable proactive interventions (e.g., pre-cooling water before predicted hot afternoon) rather than reactive responses.
- **Optimal Setpoint Recommendation:** Reinforcement learning algorithms optimize water quality target setpoints dynamically rather than using fixed thresholds. For example, during rapid fish growth phases, the system may recommend slightly elevated DO levels (9-10 mg/L instead of standard 8 mg/L) to support increased metabolic demands, maximizing growth rates while managing energy costs.
- **Anomaly Detection:** Unsupervised learning algorithms (autoencoders) detect unusual patterns in sensor data that may indicate equipment malfunctions (stuck sensor readings), water quality events (sudden pH drops from feed decomposition), or disease outbreaks (temperature spikes from bacterial infections) before they become critical.
- **Energy Optimization:** AI models balance fish welfare requirements against energy costs by optimizing aerator runtime schedules. For example, running aerators at full capacity during cooler nighttime hours (when DO naturally drops) and reducing daytime aeration (when photosynthesis produces oxygen) minimizes electricity costs while maintaining safety margins.
- **Adaptive Control:** Unlike traditional fixed-threshold systems (e.g., "activate aerator if $\text{DO} < 7 \text{ mg/L}$ "), AI-driven control adapts to changing conditions. During feeding periods when fish consume more oxygen, the system preemptively increases aeration; during inactive nighttime periods with low oxygen demand, it conserves energy.

6.5 Predictive Disease Detection and Prevention

Early disease detection is critical in aquaculture; delayed intervention can result in high mortality rates and significant economic losses. AquaVision combines environmental monitoring with fish behavior analysis to predict disease outbreaks before visible clinical signs appear.

Multi-Modal Analysis:

- **Environmental Risk Factors:** Certain water quality patterns correlate with increased disease susceptibility:

- Prolonged elevated temperatures ($>32^{\circ}\text{C}$) stress fish immune systems
- pH fluctuations indicate ammonia/nitrite issues that harm fish gills
- Low DO levels weaken fish, making them vulnerable to pathogens

The system assigns risk scores based on how long conditions remain suboptimal, triggering preventive alerts when cumulative risk exceeds thresholds.

- **Behavioral Indicators:** RFID tracking reveals behavioral changes that precede visible disease symptoms:
 - **Reduced Activity:** Sick fish show decreased movement (fewer RFID detections per day)
 - **Surface Gathering:** Fish gasping at the surface (increased detections near surface-mounted RFID readers) indicate respiratory distress
 - **Feeding Reluctance:** Reduced detections at feeding zones indicate appetite loss, an early disease symptom
- **Predictive Models:** Historical data from previous disease outbreaks trains classification models to recognize patterns preceding infections. When current data matches these patterns, the system issues early warnings with recommended actions (increase monitoring frequency, prepare medication, reduce feeding to minimize organic load).
- **Preventive Interventions:** Upon detecting elevated disease risk, the system recommends preventive measures:
 - Prophylactic salt treatments to reduce pathogen loads
 - Probiotic supplementation to strengthen fish immunity
 - Water exchange schedules to dilute pathogen concentrations
 - Reduced stocking density in affected tanks to minimize transmission

6.6 Automated Feeding Optimization

Feed represents 50-70% of aquaculture operating costs; optimizing feeding efficiency directly impacts farm profitability. AquaVision's AI-driven feeding system minimizes waste while maximizing fish growth through data-driven feeding schedules.

Dynamic Feed Scheduling:

- **Growth-Stage Adaptation:** Feeding requirements change throughout the fish life cycle. Fingerlings (juvenile fish) require frequent small meals (4-6 times daily) with high-protein content, while market-size fish need less frequent feeding (2-3 times daily). The system adjusts feeding schedules automatically based on average fish age and growth rate data.
- **Environmental Compensation:** Water temperature directly affects fish metabolism and digestion. At optimal temperatures ($27\text{-}29^{\circ}\text{C}$ for tilapia), fish digest food efficiently and require normal rations. At lower temperatures ($<24^{\circ}\text{C}$), metabolism slows; the system reduces feeding quantities to prevent uneaten feed accumulation and water quality degradation.
- **Appetite-Based Adjustment:** RFID detections at feeding zones reveal feeding intensity. High detection frequency during feeding indicates strong appetite; the system may increase next feeding quantity. Low detection frequency suggests satiation or stress; the system reduces feeding to prevent waste.
- **Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR) Optimization:** FCR measures feed efficiency ($\text{kg feed} \div \text{kg fish weight gain}$). Lower FCR indicates better efficiency. The system tracks FCR per

tank, identifying underperforming tanks requiring investigation (disease, poor water quality, equipment malfunction) and high-performing tanks whose conditions can be replicated elsewhere.

- **Automated Dispenser Control:** Servo-motor-controlled feeders receive commands from the central node, dispensing precise feed quantities at scheduled times. Manual override capabilities allow farm managers to adjust feeding for special circumstances (medication mixing, pre-harvest fasting).

6.7 Dual User Interface System

AquaVision recognizes that different users require different interfaces: on-site farm managers need immediate access to controls and detailed technical data, while remote farm owners need high-level overviews and the ability to check farm status conveniently.

Central Node Touchscreen Dashboard (On-Site Interface):

Raspberry Pi 5 drives a 10.1-inch capacitive touchscreen displaying a real-time dashboard built with React web framework, accessible via localhost web browser.

Dashboard Components:

- **Farm Overview Panel:** Total tanks (50), total fish count (sum of RFID-detected fish across all tanks), active alert count, system health indicators (all collectors online, cloud connectivity status, battery levels for wireless nodes).
- **Tank Status Grid:** 10×5 grid visualization with each cell representing one tank, color-coded by status:
 - Green: All parameters within optimal ranges
 - Yellow: One or more parameters approaching thresholds (warning)
 - Red: Critical condition requiring immediate action
 - Gray: No data received (communication failure or powered off)
- **Detailed Tank View:** Selecting a tank displays real-time gauges (analog-style circular gauges for temperature, pH, DO; linear gauge for water level), 24-hour trend graphs, current fish count, and recent RFID activity timeline.
- **Manual Control Panel:** Farm managers can manually override automated controls:
 - Emergency stop (shuts down all actuators)
 - Per-tank aerator on/off toggle
 - Feeding dispenser manual trigger
 - Water pump start/stop
- **Alert Management:** Prioritized list of active alerts with acknowledge/dismiss buttons, alert history log with timestamps and resolution notes, and alert statistics dashboard showing most frequent issues.

Mobile Application (Remote Owner Interface):

Flutter-based cross-platform mobile app (iOS/Android) connects to AWS cloud backend via HTTPS REST API and WebSocket for real-time updates.

App Features:

- **AI Chatbot:** Natural language interface powered by AWS Lex or OpenAI API, allowing conversational queries:
 - User: "How is my farm doing today?"
 - AI: "Your farm is performing well. All 50 tanks are online. 3 tanks have minor temperature warnings (29-30°C) but within safe limits. Average fish growth rate this week: 45g per fish. No critical alerts."
- **Dashboard View:** Simplified overview showing key metrics (total fish, average temperature/pH/DO, active alerts) and tank grid with same color-coding as central display.
- **Push Notifications:** Critical alerts (DO below 5 mg/L, equipment failures) trigger immediate push notifications even when app is closed. High-priority alerts also send SMS as backup notification channel.
- **Remote Control:** Limited remote control for non-critical functions (acknowledge alerts, adjust automated feeding schedules, view detailed tank data). Critical controls (emergency stop, manual aerator activation) require on-site touchscreen access for safety.
- **Analytics:** Historical reports with graphs showing growth trends, FCR over time, water quality stability metrics, and cost analysis (feed consumption, electricity usage).

6.8 Scalable Commercial Deployment

AquaVision's architecture is designed from the ground up for commercial scalability, supporting farms ranging from 50 tanks (initial deployment) to hundreds or thousands of tanks across multiple farm sites.

Modular Expansion:

- **Adding Sensor Nodes:** New tanks require only:
 1. Install sensor node (ESP32-S3 + sensors + RFID reader + LoRa module) on tank
 2. Power on (node auto-configures and attempts to join nearest collector)
 3. Register node ID in central node configuration (automatic discovery possible) No changes to other nodes or system architecture required.
- **Adding Collectors:** When sensor node density exceeds 10 per collector, add new collector:
 1. Deploy Raspberry Pi Zero W with LoRa HAT in new zone
 2. Connect collector to central node via Ethernet
 3. Update central node routing table with new collector ID Sensor nodes automatically associate with strongest-signal collector.
- **Adding Farms:** Multiple farms can share a single AWS cloud infrastructure:
 - Each farm has unique Farm ID in database
 - Central nodes from all farms connect to same AWS IoT Core endpoint
 - Mobile app users select which farm to view from account dashboard
 - Cloud AI models can compare performance across farms, identifying best practices
- **Geographic Distribution:** Farms separated by large distances (different cities/countries) connect to geographically nearest AWS region to minimize latency. AWS global

infrastructure includes regions in Middle East (Bahrain), Europe (Frankfurt, Ireland), and Asia (Mumbai, Singapore), ensuring <200ms latency worldwide.

- **Cost Scaling:** Per-tank hardware costs decrease with volume (economy of scale for bulk component purchases). Cloud costs scale linearly with data volume (AWS charges per GB stored, per million API requests) but remain low (\$0.10-0.50 per tank per month for typical data volumes). Energy savings from AI optimization (10-20% reduction in aerator runtime) often exceed cloud service costs.

7- TYPE OF DATA COLLECTED

7.1 Per-Tank Sensor Data

As shown in Table 1, each of the 50 sensor nodes collects environmental data from sensors connected to the ESP32-S3 microcontroller. The following table specifies data format, units, size, and collection frequency for each parameter:

Table 1 Per-Tank Environmental Sensor Data Specifications

| Parameter | Data Format | Unit s | Size (Bytes) | Range | Accurac y | Collection Frequency | Critical Threshold | Purpose |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Tank ID | Unsigned Integer (16-bit) | – | 2 | 1–65535 | Exact | Every reading | N/A | Tank identification and mapping in database |
| Timestamp | Unix Epoch (32-bit) | Seconds since 1970 | 4 | 0–4.29B | ±1 sec | Every reading | N/A | Time reference for correlating measurements |
| Temperature | Float (32-bit IEEE 754) | °C | 4 | -55 to +125 | ±0.5°C | Every 5 min | >32°C (High), <24°C (Low) | Fish metabolic rate control & stress prevention |
| pH Level | Float (32-bit IEEE 754) | pH units | 4 | 0–14 | ±0.1 pH | Every 10 min | <6.5 (Low), >8.5 (High) | Maintain ideal alkalinity/acidity balance |
| Dissolved Oxygen (DO) | Float (32-bit IEEE 754) | mg/L | 4 | 0–20 | ±0.5 mg/L | Every 5 min | <7 mg/L (Low), <5 mg/L (Critical) | Ensure oxygen availability for respiration |
| Water Level | Float (32-bit IEEE 754) | cm | 4 | 0–200 cm | ±1 cm | Every 10 min | <30 cm (Low), >180 cm (High) | Prevent overflow/underflow & maintain stability |
| Battery Voltage | Float (32-bit IEEE 754) | Volts | 4 | 0–4.2V | ±0.05V | Every reading | <3.3V (Low battery) | Monitor node power health |
| Signal Strength (RSSI) | Signed Integer (8-bit) | dBm | 1 | -120 to 0 dBm | ±2 dBm | Every reading | <-110 dBm (Weak link) | Evaluate wireless connectivity quality |

Total Packet Size per Reading: $2 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 1 = 27 \text{ bytes}$

Collection Schedule:

- Temperature and DO: Every 5 minutes (critical parameters requiring frequent monitoring)

- pH and Water Level: Every 10 minutes (slower-changing parameters)
- All readings include Tank ID, Timestamp, Battery Voltage, and RSSI metadata

Daily Data Volume per Tank:

- 5-minute readings: $(24 \text{ hours} \times 60 \text{ min} \div 5 \text{ min}) = 288 \text{ readings/day}$
- 10-minute readings: $(24 \text{ hours} \times 60 \text{ min} \div 10 \text{ min}) = 144 \text{ readings/day}$
- Average: ~220 readings/day per tank
- Data volume: $220 \text{ readings} \times 27 \text{ bytes} = \mathbf{5.94 \text{ KB/tank/day}}$
- **Total for 50 tanks: 297 KB/day ≈ 0.3 MB/day ≈ 9 MB/month**

Data Encoding: Sensor data is encoded in binary format for transmission efficiency over LoRaWAN (which has strict payload size limits of 51-222 bytes depending on spreading factor). The ESP32-S3 firmware constructs compact binary packets following this structure:

```
[Header: 2 bytes] [Tank ID: 2 bytes] [Timestamp: 4 bytes]
[Temp: 4 bytes] [pH: 4 bytes] [DO: 4 bytes] [Level: 4 bytes]
[Battery: 4 bytes] [RSSI: 1 byte] [Checksum: 2 bytes]
Total: 31 bytes (fits within smallest LoRaWAN payload size)
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7.2 Fish Tracking Data (LF-RFID)

As seen in Table 2, RFID readers continuously scan for tagged fish. Detection events are logged asynchronously (event-driven rather than periodic sampling) whenever a fish enters the reader's detection zone.

Table 2 Fish Tracking RFID Data Specifications

| Parameter | Data Format | Units | Size (Bytes) | Range/Description | Collection Trigger | Purpose |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Fish ID | String (12 chars ASCII) | - | 12 | Unique RFID tag UID (e.g., "3A4B5C6D7E8F") | When fish detected | Individual fish identification |
| Tank ID | Unsigned Integer (16-bit) | - | 2 | 1-50 | When fish detected | Current fish location |
| Detection Timestamp | Unix Epoch (32-bit) | Seconds | 4 | Current time | When fish detected | Movement timeline |
| Reader ID | Unsigned Integer (8-bit) | - | 1 | 1-255 | When fish detected | Which reader in tank (if multiple readers) |
| RSSI | Signed Integer (8-bit) | dBm | 1 | -60 to -20 dBm | When fish detected | Fish proximity estimation (closer = stronger signal) |
| Detection Duration | Unsigned Integer (16-bit) | Milliseconds | 2 | 10-5000 ms | When fish detected | How long fish remained in detection zone |

Total Packet Size per Detection: $12 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 22 \text{ bytes}$

Detection Frequency: RFID detection frequency depends on fish activity patterns:

- **High Activity Periods (Feeding Time):** 10-20 detections per fish per hour (fish congregate near feeders where RFID readers are often positioned)

- **Normal Activity:** 2-5 detections per fish per hour (fish swim throughout tank, occasionally passing near reader)
- **Low Activity (Night):** 0.5-2 detections per fish per hour (fish rest on tank bottom or corners)

Estimated Daily Data Volume (Fish Tracking):

- Average detections per fish: ~100 detections/day (varies by species behavior)
- Fish per tank: 150
- Detections per tank per day: $150 \text{ fish} \times 100 = 15,000 \text{ detections}$
- Data per tank: $15,000 \times 22 \text{ bytes} = \mathbf{330 \text{ KB/tank/day}}$
- **Total for 50 tanks: 16.5 MB/day ≈ 495 MB/month**

Storage Optimization: Raw RFID detection logs generate significant data volume. The system employs two-tier storage:

1. **Real-Time Edge Storage (Last 7 Days):** Full-resolution detection logs stored in Central Node local SQLite database for immediate analysis
2. **Cloud Long-Term Storage (Historical):** Aggregated summaries stored in AWS S3:
 - Per-fish daily summaries (total detections, average RSSI, time distribution)
 - Tank-level hourly summaries (total unique fish detected, movement heatmaps)
 - Reduces storage by ~95% while preserving analytical value

7.3 Collector Aggregated Data

As seen in Table 3, collector nodes receive data from 10 sensor nodes, perform local aggregation, and forward consolidated packets to the central node via Ethernet.

Table 3 Collector Node Aggregated Data Structure

| Parameter | Data Format | Units | Size (Bytes) | Frequency | Description |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Collector ID | Unsigned Integer (8-bit) | - | 1 | Every transmission | Collector identification (1-5) |
| Timestamp | Unix Epoch (32-bit) | Seconds | 4 | Every transmission | Data collection timestamp |
| Number of Active Nodes | Unsigned Integer (8-bit) | Count | 1 | Every transmission | How many of 10 nodes successfully transmitted |
| Sensor Data Payload | Nested Array | Mixed | Variable (270-310 bytes) | Every 5 minutes | Contains all 10 sensor node readings |
| RFID Data Payload | Nested Array | Mixed | Variable (0-2000 bytes) | Batch every 10 minutes | Contains RFID detections since last transmission |
| Alert Flags | Bitfield (16-bit) | Flags | 2 | Every transmission | Per-tank critical alert status (1 bit per tank) |
| Collector Health | Struct | Mixed | 8 bytes | Every transmission | CPU load, memory usage, uplink status |

Transmission Frequency:

- **Environmental Data:** Every 5 minutes (synchronized with sensor node transmission schedule)
- **RFID Data:** Every 10 minutes (batched to reduce Ethernet traffic)
- **Alerts:** Immediate (out-of-band transmission if critical condition detected)

Daily Data Volume per Collector:

- Environmental data: $288 \text{ transmissions} \times 280 \text{ bytes avg} = 80.6 \text{ KB/day}$
- RFID data: $144 \text{ batches} \times 500 \text{ bytes avg} = 72 \text{ KB/day}$
- Total per collector: **~153 KB/day**
- Total for 5 collectors: 765 KB/day ≈ 23 MB/month**

Ethernet Communication: Collectors connect to central node via CAT6 Ethernet cables (up to 100m length). TCP/IP protocol ensures reliable delivery with automatic retransmission of lost packets. Each collector is assigned a static IP address (192.168.10.11 through 192.168.10.15) on a dedicated IoT subnet isolated from farm office network for security.

7.4 Central Node to Cloud Data

As seen in Table 4, the central node aggregates data from all 5 collectors, performs edge AI processing, and forwards consolidated datasets to AWS IoT Cloud.

Table 4 Central Node to Cloud Data Transmission Structure

| Parameter | Data Format | Units | Size (Bytes) | Frequency | Description |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Farm ID | UUID (128-bit) | – | 16 | Every transmission | Unique farm identifier enabling multi-farm scalability |
| Transmission Timestamp | Unix Epoch (64-bit) | ms | 8 | Every transmission | High-precision timestamp for synchronization & ordering |
| Full Sensor Snapshot | JSON Object | – | 5–10 KB | Every 15 min | Includes temperature, pH, DO, level for all tanks |
| Fish Tracking Batch | JSON Object | – | 2–5 KB | Every 10 min | Aggregated LF-RFID movement logs & fish presence events |
| Alert Events | JSON Array | – | 0–2 KB | On-trigger | Emergency conditions (low DO, high temp, abnormal pH) |
| System Health Report | JSON Object | – | 1–2 KB | Hourly | Collector uptime, CPU %, RAM %, packet loss, storage usage |
| AI Inference Results | JSON Object | – | 500–1000 B | Every 15 min | Predictive outputs (DO forecast, disease index, feed plan) |

7.5 Data Format – JSON Sensor Snapshot

The central node periodically transmits a consolidated JSON payload to the cloud containing all active tank measurements. This structure ensures lightweight data transfer, efficient parsing, and seamless integration with AI pipelines.

Example JSON Packet – Real-Time Sensor Snapshot

```
{
  "farmId": "f47ac10b-58cc-4372-a567-0e02b2c3d479",
  "timestamp": 1701456789123,
  "tanks": [
    {
      "tankId": 1,
      "temp": 28.5,
      "ph": 7.2,
      "do": 9.1,
      "level": 145,
      "battery": 3.8,
      "rssi": -75
    }
    // ... 49 additional tank entries
  ]
}
```

7.6 Transmission Protocol

As shown in Table 5, all data is transferred using **MQTT-TLS over 4G LTE**, ensuring integrity, security, and guaranteed delivery even in rural network conditions

Table 5 MQTT Advantages for IoT Communication

| Feature | Benefit |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Publish/Subscribe Model | Efficient bidirectional messaging |
| QoS 1 Delivery | Guaranteed arrival with acknowledgement |
| Lightweight Header | ~2 bytes → ideal for constrained networks |
| Persistent Sessions | Messages auto-buffer if connection drops |

Daily Data Volume – Central → Cloud is seen in Table 6

Table 6 Daily Data Volume

| Data Type | Size per Push | Frequency | Daily Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Sensor Snapshot | ~8 KB | every 15 min (96/day) | ~768 KB/day |
| RFID Batch Upload | ~3.5 KB | every 10 min (144/day) | ~504 KB/day |
| Alerts | Variable | event-based | 10–50 KB/day |
| Health Reports | ~1.5 KB | hourly (24/day) | 36 KB/day |

Cloud → Central Node Download is seen in Table 7

Table 7 Cloud Download

| Payload | Avg Size | Frequency | Daily Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| AI Setpoints & Corrections | 5 KB | hourly | 120 KB/day |
| Remote Commands | <10 KB | rare | negligible |
| Firmware Updates | 50–100 MB | quarterly | infrequent burst |

Cellular Data Plan Recommendation is seen in Table 8

| Direction | Monthly Average |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Upload | ~40 MB |
| Download | ~4.5 MB |
| Total | ~45–50 MB/month |

7.7 Bandwidth & Storage Evaluation

The system bandwidth is shown in Table 8

Table 8 System-Wide Data Volume Summary

| Source | Daily Volume | Monthly Volume | Annual Volume | Storage Location |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Environmental Sensor Data | 0.3 MB | 9 MB | 108 MB | Local cache + RDS |
| RFID Raw Logs | 16.5 MB | 495 MB | 5.9 GB | Local short-term (7d), S3 |
| RFID Aggregated | 0.8 MB | 24 MB | 288 MB | S3 permanent archive |
| Collector Batches | 0.8 MB | 23 MB | 276 MB | Transit only |
| Cloud Upload | 1.3 MB | 40 MB | 480 MB | AWS IoT → DB |
| Cloud Download | 0.15 MB | 4.5 MB | 54 MB | Temporary |
| Total Network Traffic | 19.85 MB/day | 596 MB/month | 7.1 GB/year | Distributed |
| Cloud Stored (Long-Term) | 2.1 MB/day | 64 MB/month | 768 MB/year | S3 + RDS |

As shown in Table 9, cloud Storage Cost Projection:

Table 9 Cloud Cost [2] [3]

| Storage Type | Cost |
|--|---|
| AWS S3 Standard | \$0.023/GB/month |
| Estimated long-term storage (768 MB/year) | ≈ \$0.25/year |
| RDS instance (500 GB capacity) | \$60–100/month → supports hundreds of farms |

As shown in Table 10, Bandwidth Optimization Strategies

Table 10 Bandwidth Optimization

| Technique | Effect |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Edge aggregation | reduces cloud RFID traffic by ~95% |
| Delta data transmission | send only changed values → less redundancy |
| gzip JSON compression | 60–70% average size reduction |
| Scheduled bulk uploads | moves non-critical data to off-peak hours |
| Local 30-day cache | ensures zero data loss during outages |

8- Information Presentation to End-User

AquaVision provides multi-layer access to farm data through a **local touchscreen dashboard**, a **remote mobile application**, and an **AI conversational interface** supported by intelligent alerting and decision-support logic. This ensures both on-site operators and remote owners receive continuous visibility, alerts, control capability, and predictive analytics.

8.1 Central Node Touchscreen Dashboard (On-Site Interface)

As shown in Table 11 and 12, the touchscreen dashboard acts as the primary Human-Machine Interface (HMI) inside the farm. It enables operational monitoring, manual override control, alert acknowledgement, and real-time visualization of all tank conditions.

Table 11 Hardware Configuration

| Component | Specification |
|-------------------|--|
| Controller | Raspberry Pi 5 |
| CPU | Cortex-A76 Quad-core @ 2.4 GHz |
| RAM | 4 GB |
| Display | 10.1" Capacitive Touch (1280×800) |
| Protection | IP65 Waterproof enclosure |
| Mounting | Adjustable stand for eye-level operation |

Table 12 Software Architecture

| Layer | Technology |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| OS | Raspberry Pi OS (Debian) |
| Backend | Python 3.11 + Flask REST server |
| Frontend | React.js Web UI |
| Local Storage | SQLite (rolling 30-day buffer) |
| Access Mode | Chromium kiosk full-screen UI |

Dashboard Structure Overview is seen in Figure 1

1) Status Bar — Always Visible

- Farm Name + ID
- Network Status (LTE/Wi-Fi/Ethernet)
- Cloud Sync Timer
- System Resource Usage (CPU / RAM / Disk)
- Active Alert Counter (Color Severity Indicator)

2) Farm Overview Panel

A high-level summary displayed in large overview tiles:

| Metric | Example Display |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Tanks | 50 Tanks (50 online) |
| Fish Count | 7,458 fish detected |
| Avg Temperature | 28.2°C |
| Avg DO Level | 8.7 mg/L |
| Active Alerts | 2 Warnings — 0 Critical |
| Collector Status | 5/5 operational |

3) Tank Status Grid (10x5 Interactive Map)

Each square represents a single tank block as it appears visually:



Color Indicators:

- ● Optimal
- ● Warning
- ● Critical
- ● Offline

Tap any tile → Opens full analytics screen.

4) Detailed Tank View Panel

Displayed when a tank tile is selected.

Live Sensor Gauges

| Parameter | Display Method |
|-------------|--|
| Temperature | Dial 0–40°C (cold/optimal/high/critical zones) |
| pH | Bar 4–10 with optimal band 6.5–8.0 highlighted |
| DO Oxygen | Speedometer 0–15 mg/L w/ threshold |
| Water Level | Vertical tank UI meter + percentage |

Historical Graphs

- 24-hour line charts — Temperature / DO / pH / Water Level
- Markers: aeration, feeding, threshold breaches
- Zoom Levels: 1h / 6h / 24h / 7d

Fish Tracking Insights

- Fish Count trend (24 hr)
- Feeding activity detection curve
- Behavior health score
- Predicted growth (AI forecast)

Manual Overrides

| Control | Mode |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Aerator | On / Off / Auto |
| Feeder | Pulse-feed / Scheduled |
| Pump | Circulation enable / disable |
| Emergency Drain | Double-confirm failsafe |

Back → Tank Grid

5) Alert Management System

| Severity | Trigger | UI Response |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Critical | DO <5 mg/L | Flashing red + Alarm |
| High | Temp >32°C or pH out-of-range | Yellow banner + Prompt |
| Medium | Low battery or weak signal | Log + Daily report |
| Low | Maintenance reminder | Weekly digest |

Alert Panel Displays:

- Timestamp
- Root parameter cause
- Automated action taken
- Acknowledge / Dismiss / Open Tank View

7-day alert history is preserved.

6) Manual Global Control Panel

| Control | Action |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Emergency Stop All | Instant actuator shutdown |
| Pause AI Automation | Temporary manual override |
| Resume AI | Restore full autopilot |
| Bulk Feed / Aeration | Farm-wide command broadcast |

Per-tank control remains accessible individually.

Figure 1 Dashboard Overview

8.2 Mobile Application Interface (Owner Remote Access)

As seen in figure 2, the mobile application replicates dashboard functionality with long-range access plus AI conversational control powered by cloud inference.



Figure 2 Mobile Dashboard Overview

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8.3 AI Conversational Assistant

As shown in Table 13, the assistant allows natural language control and insight extraction.

Table 13 AI Capabilities

| Query Type | Examples |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Status | "How is the farm?" |
| Tank-specific | "Show me Tank 12 oxygen level" |
| Predictive | "Will I face DO problems tomorrow?" |

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Control | "Feed tanks now" |
| Analytics | "Growth trend for last month" |

Supports follow-up context and Arabic/English bilingual usage.

8.4 Alert Notification & Escalation System

As seen in Table 14 and 15, AquaVision ensures no critical event goes unnoticed using **multichannel redundant alerting**.

Table 14 Alert Channels

| Notification | Trigger Scope |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| UI Banner | All alerts |
| Push Notification | High + Critical |
| SMS Failover | Critical unacknowledged |
| Email Digest | Warnings + summaries |

Table 15 Automated Intervention Examples

| Condition | Action |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Low DO detected | Aerator auto-enabled |
| High temp spike | Shading + circulation boost |
| Tank unresponsive | Reconnect attempts + alert |
| Mortality suspicion | Inspection request |

9- Detailed Schematic Diagram for the Overall System

9.1 Physical Deployment Layout

As shown in Figure 3, the AquaVision deployment covers an **80m × 40m farm layout** (total area $\approx 3,200 \text{ m}^2$). The facility contains **50 circular grow-out tanks**, each 4m in diameter and 2m deep. Tanks are arranged in **5 rows × 10 columns**, with **2m spacing** between units to allow walkways and maintenance access.

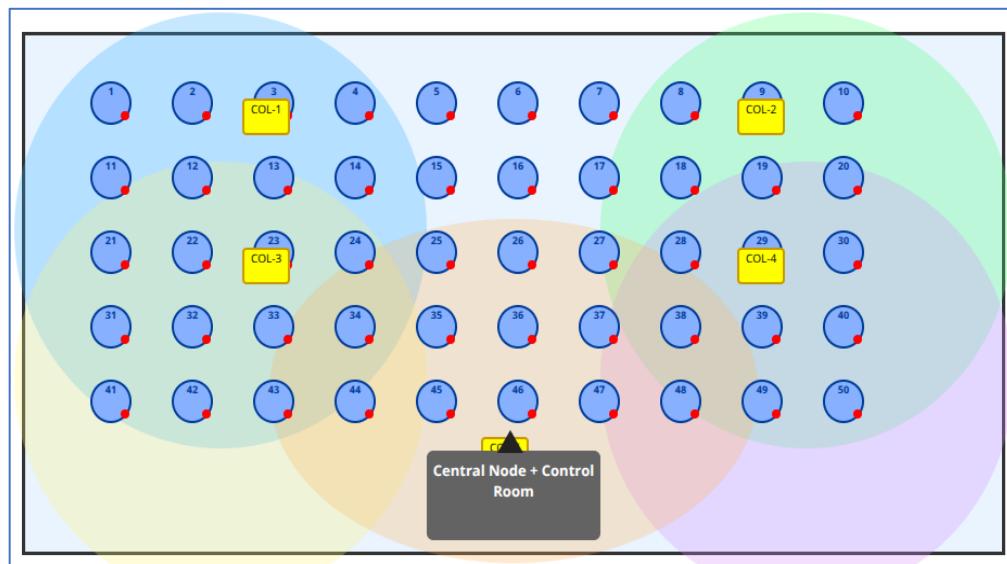


Figure 3 AQUAVISION FARM PHYSICAL LAYOUT (TOP VIEW)

The farm is logically subdivided into **five operating zones**, each containing **10 tanks**, distributed as seen in Table 16

Table 16 Zone Description

| Zone | Tank Range | Approx. Physical Position |
|--------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Zone 1 | Tanks 1–10 | Upper-Left quadrant |
| Zone 2 | Tanks 11–20 | Upper-Right quadrant |
| Zone 3 | Tanks 21–30 | Middle-Left region |
| Zone 4 | Tanks 31–40 | Middle-Right region |
| Zone 5 | Tanks 41–50 | Lower-Central region |

Each zone is equipped with **one collector node placed centrally**. These collectors act as the uplink gateways for LoRa-based tank sensors. They are illustrated in the figure as **yellow blocks labeled COL-1 to COL-5**, each drawn with antenna markers to denote wireless capability. Every collector manages exactly **ten sensor nodes**, corresponding to its assigned tanks, and communication is strictly one-hop — **sensor → zone collector → central controller**. No peer-to-peer mesh paths exist, which reduces routing complexity and conserves power.

9.2 Sensor Placement and Radio Coverage

Every tank hosts a **single embedded sensor node**, positioned physically at the tank rim. These are shown in Figure 3 as **small red dots** (SN-01 to SN-50). The deployment ensures that:

- All nodes are within the coverage radius of a nearby collector.
- Communication distance never exceeds **180m**, staying well within LoRa operational limits.
- Each collector's reception footprint is represented by colored circular zones (150–200m radius) as seen in Table 17:

Table 17 Zone Coverage

| Zone | Coverage Color |
|--------|----------------|
| Zone 1 | Light Blue |
| Zone 2 | Light Green |
| Zone 3 | Light Yellow |
| Zone 4 | Light Purple |
| Zone 5 | Light Orange |

These coverage rings overlap intentionally to provide redundancy against antenna misalignment, radio reflections, or environmental interference.

9.3 Central Node & Backhaul Connectivity

At the bottom of the layout appears the **Central Control Room**, drawn as a grey building. This is the processing hub of the system. All collectors connect to it via **CAT6 Ethernet cabling**, represented by converging blue lines. The longest physical run remains below **120m**, keeping signal attenuation minimal without requiring repeaters.

A roof-mounted **4G LTE antenna** is depicted above the control room to indicate cloud connectivity for telemetry, analytical processing, and remote supervision.

Finally, spatial annotations in Figure 4.1 document real-world deployment density:

- **Tank spacing:** ~2m aisle gaps allow maintenance access.
- **Maximum node-to-collector distance:** $\leq 180\text{m}$.
- **Collector-to-central cable length:** $\leq 120\text{m}$.

- This structured arrangement ensures scalability, predictable RF behavior, and high-availability data acquisition across all 50 tanks

9.4 System Architecture

Figure 4 illustrates the overall network-to-cloud architecture of AquaVision using a four-tier hierarchy, where each layer performs a distinct role in sensing, collection, inference, storage, and human interaction.

Tier 1 — Perception Layer (Tank Nodes)

The bottom layer contains **50 embedded sensor nodes**, one assigned to each tank. They perform direct physical measurement — water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, water level, and RFID-based fish presence. This layer is the biological interface of the system. Energy is conserved through deep sleep cycles, ensuring months of untethered battery operation.

Tier 2 — Network Aggregation (Collectors)

Sensor telemetry is forwarded wirelessly to **five distributed collector gateways**, where packets are validated, time-stamped, optionally buffered, and routed to the next tier. Each collector is responsible for its own zone and handles no more than ten sensor endpoints, providing clear fault boundaries. This layer eliminates raw traffic flooding and significantly reduces cloud bandwidth costs.

Tier 3 — Edge Computing & Supervisory Control (Central Node)

At the farm control room resides the **edge intelligence layer**. This unit aggregates traffic from all collectors via Ethernet and performs:

- Local AI inference with sub-second latency
- Real-time dashboard rendering on the touchscreen
- Device control (aeration, feeding, pumps)
- On-site alert evaluation and risk prediction
- 30-day rolling data retention

The central node also manages cloud synchronization through an encrypted 4G connection.

Tier 4 — Cloud Platform and AI Services

The topmost tier comprises the AWS environment where long-term analytics, storage, user access, and AI modeling occur. Data from the farm is processed using pipeline services (IoT Core → Lambda → RDS/S3). Predictive models such as LSTM for water stability, Random Forest for disease risk, and RL-based feeding optimization execute here. Users access results through mobile/Web dashboards or via natural-language chatbot assistants



Figure 4 AquaVision Four-Tier Architecture

9.5 Type and Location of Sensors

Each of the 50 fish tanks in the AquaVision system is equipped with a multi-sensor IoT node designed to continuously monitor critical environmental parameters required for healthy and high-yield aquaculture. Every node integrates five sensing units — Temperature, pH, Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Water Level, and Fish RFID tracking — giving a system-wide total of **250 analog/digital sensors** and **50 RFID tracking arrays**.

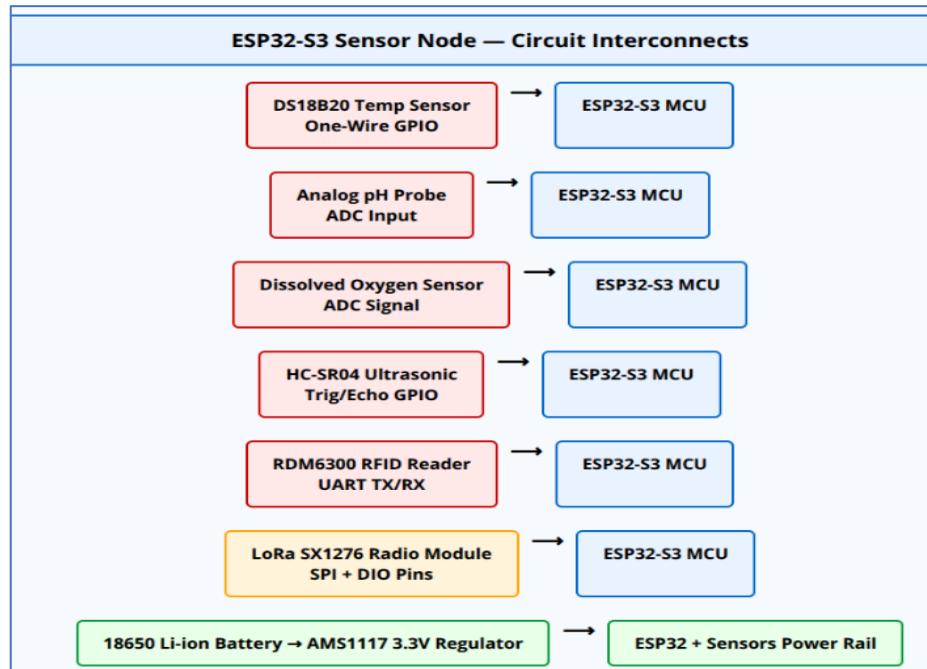


Figure 5 Sensors Connections

All sensors are physically mounted directly at the tank location to ensure the highest accuracy and fastest feedback response. Placement and purpose are summarized in Table 18

Table 18 Sensor Location

| Sensor Type | Mounting Location | Purpose |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| DS18B20 Waterproof Temperature Probe | Suspended 30 cm underwater | Monitors thermal conditions affecting metabolism and growth |
| Analog pH Sensor + Glass Electrode | Mid-depth, continuously submerged | Tracks acidity/alkalinity balance to prevent stress and mortality |
| Galvanic Dissolved Oxygen Probe | Near water inlet circulation | Measures oxygen availability for respiration and feeding patterns |
| HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Water-Level Sensor | 1.5m above water surface | Prevents overflow/underfill; monitors evaporation and pumping state |
| Low-Frequency RFID Coil + RDM6300 Reader | Flat inside feeding/feeding-zone | Detects presence & movement of tagged fish (behavior mapping) |

Each sensor module is contained inside an **IP67-rated polycarbonate enclosure**, positioned on the tank rim using a stainless-steel L-bracket. Cable glands protect all probes and maintain waterproof integrity. Antennas extend vertically to optimize LoRa reach toward the nearest zone collector.

The physical installation avoids direct sunlight (mounted north-side), minimizes condensation, and withstands humidity and splashing. Probes are fully submersed where necessary to ensure real biological exposure rather than surface-level measurement

9.6 Power Budget and Energy Model

Since each sensor node operates on a 3.7V 18650 lithium battery, long-life and low-power behavior are mandatory. The node's energy profile is optimized through deep-sleep cycling, duty-timing of sensors, and short-burst LoRa transmissions.

Table 19 Baseline Power Characteristics [4] [5]

| Subsystem | Active Current | Avg. Duty Time | Avg Consumption |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ESP32-S3 MCU | 80 mA | 30s/5min | ~0.40 mA |
| LoRa TX Burst | 120 mA | 2s/5min | ~0.08 mA |
| RFID Reader (duty cycled) | 50 mA | 10s/5min | ~0.17 mA |
| DO Sensor | 30 mA | 5s/5min | ~0.05 mA |
| pH Module | 20 mA | 5s/5min | ~0.03 mA |
| HC-SR04 Ultrasonic | 15 mA | 2s/10min | ~0.005 mA |

As shown in Table 19, Average node draw ≈ 0.73 mA

With a 3000mAh cell:

$$\text{Lifetime} = \frac{3000mAh}{0.73mA} \approx \mathbf{8-10 \ months}$$

With **solar trickle charging**, lifetime extends **beyond 18 months**, converting nodes into maintenance-light infrastructure

9.7 Type & Location of Actuators

Actuators are installed directly at each of the 50 aquaculture tanks and interface with the IoT control system through relay drivers.

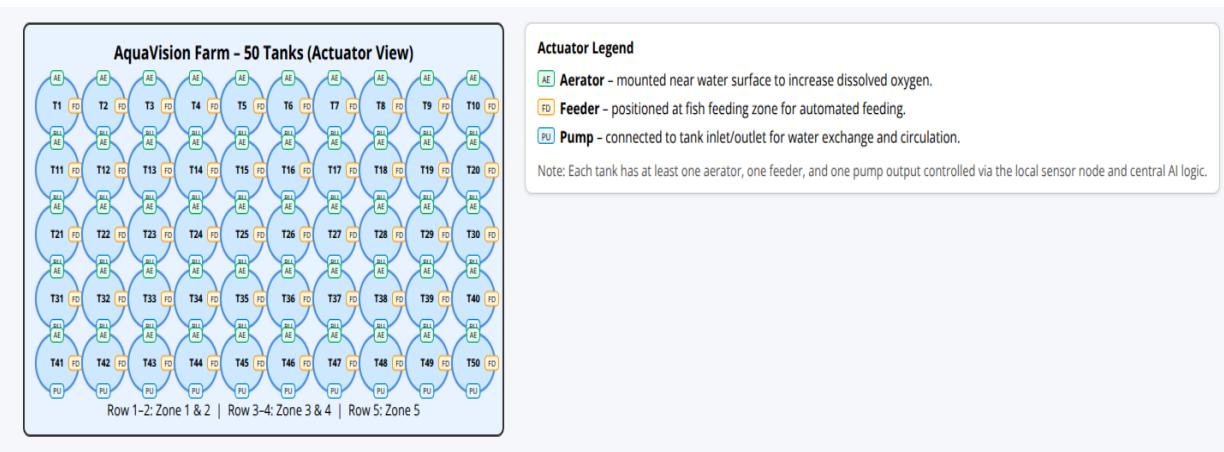


Figure 6 Actuator Layout on Physical Farm

As seen in Figure 6, they appear on the schematic as actuator blocks surrounding each tank, with electrical routing linked to the nearest controller node.

Table 20 Acuator Location

| Actuator Type | Function | Physical Placement | Trigger Mechanism |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aerators | Increase dissolved oxygen through surface diffusion | One aerator mounted on upper tank rim | Auto-activated when DO <7 mg/L (critical <5 mg/L) |
| Auto-Feeders | Dispense feed pellets periodically | Mounted above tank feeding zone | AI-optimized feeding schedule based on growth + behavior trends |
| Water Pumps | Drain/renew water & increase circulation | Connected to outlet plumbing line | Used automatically for cooling, water exchange, emergency flush |

Deployment Summary

- Total Actuators Installed:**
50 aerators + 50 feeders + 50 pumps = 150 active control nodes
- Controls operate **individually or globally** (per-tank or whole-farm).
- Commands originate from the **Central Edge Node**, routed via collector → node → actuator relays.
- This enables closed-loop automation driven by DO/pH status & AI feeding recommendations.

This mapping allows AquaVision to administer **oxygenation, feeding and circulation dynamically**, keeping water quality stable while optimizing energy + feed cost.

9.8 Type & Location of Gateways — Network Layer Distribution

Gateways form the **Tier-2 LoRaWAN aggregation layer**, receiving uplink data from tank nodes and transmitting it to the farm's core server

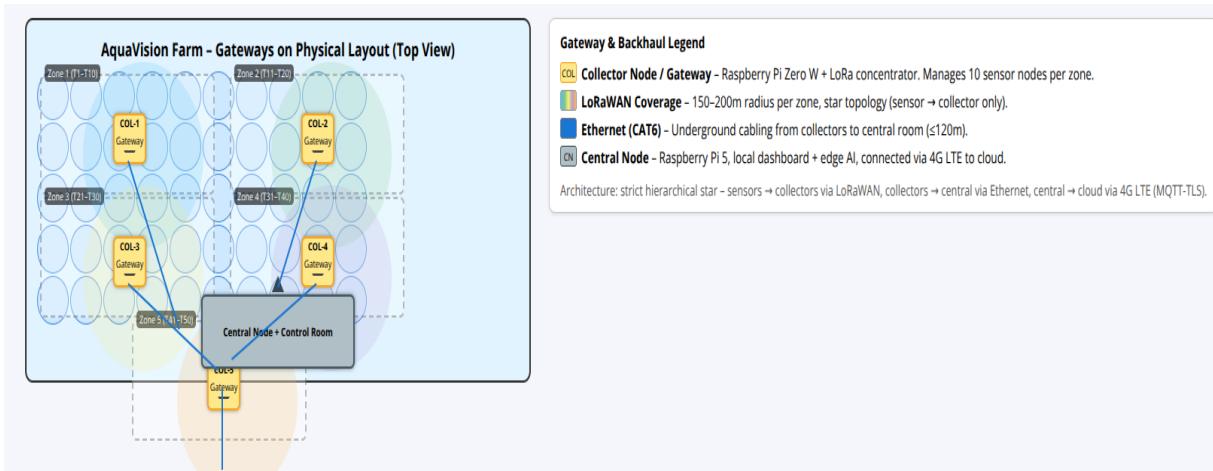


Figure 7 Gateway Placement

As seen in Figure 7, five gateways — marked **COL-1 through COL-5** — are placed **centrally inside each zone of ten tanks**, ensuring balanced RF coverage.

Gateway Responsibilities is shown in Table 21

Table 21 Gateway Function

| Gateway Count | Coverage | Handled Devices | Connectivity |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5 gateways | 10 tanks per gateway | 50 sensor units total | LoRaWAN uplink + Ethernet backhaul |

Placement Justification

- Maximum **sensor-to-collector distance ≤180m**, well within LoRa link budget.
- Ethernet cabling from all 5 collectors converges into the **Central Control Room**, guaranteeing low-latency forwarding with no RF interference.
- Gateway fault isolation improves resiliency — failure disables only 10 tanks, not the entire farm.

This arrangement establishes a **hierarchical, star-based communication network** with predictable performance, minimal collisions and strong scalability.

9.9 Communication Technique — Sensor Nodes → Gateway

Communication Link: LoRaWAN 868 MHz

Topology: Star (not mesh)

Reason for Selection is shown in Table 22

Table 22 LoRaWAN Advantages [5] [6]

| Advantage | Impact |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Long range (up to 2-3 km open-field) | Easily covers farm radius with margin |
| Ultra-low power TX | Maximizes battery life of nodes |
| High penetration through humidity | Stable in wet aquaculture environment |
| Simple star routing | No re-routing, no mesh overhead |

LoRaWAN offers the best trade-off between power, coverage, cost, and simplicity.

9.10 Communication Technique — Gateways → Central Node

Communication Link: CAT6 Ethernet (TCP/IP)

Justification:

- Guaranteed throughput even during high sensor traffic
- Electromagnetic immunity (important near motors & pumps)
- Zero packet-loss vs wireless mesh alternatives
- Supports PoE upgrades in future

Cable length constraints ($\leq 120\text{m}$) are satisfied in physical layout

9.11 Communication Technique — Internet Link (Central → Cloud)

Method: 4G LTE uplink with fallback to Wi-Fi when available

Reason for it is seen in Table 23

Table 23 4G LTE Benefits [7]

| Benefit | Value |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Works in remote farms with no wired internet | 100% deployment flexibility |
| Cloud connectivity independent of local failures | High resiliency |
| Sufficient bandwidth for telemetry + firmware + analytics packets | Scales with farm size |

Cloud sync rate \approx **45–50 MB/month**, far below LTE capacity.

9.12 Software Protocol for Data Transfer (Cloud + Edge)

Protocol Selected: MQTT over TLS 1.2 encryption

Justification is detailed in Table 24

Table 24 MQTT Features [8]

| Feature | Why it is appropriate |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lightweight & low overhead | Ideal for periodic sensor telemetry |
| Pub/Sub architecture | Supports scalable multi-client access |
| QoS delivery guarantees | Prevents data loss during signal drop |
| Persistent broker retention | Messages are saved if gateway offline |

MQTT broker runs inside AWS IoT Core, cloud-side, and **MQTT client runs inside the Central Node**.

9.13 Backend Servers for Storage & Processing

Table 25 Backend Services [9]

| Backend Service | Function |
|-------------------------|---|
| Amazon RDS (PostgreSQL) | Stores structured sensor data + RFID detections |
| Amazon S3 | Long-term archive, AI model storage |
| DynamoDB | User sessions, chatbot memory, farm state cache |
| AWS Lambda | Event processing + real-time alerts |
| AWS SageMaker | AI inference for feeding, disease prediction, DO forecast |

As seen in Table 25, these services execute analytics, forecasting, reinforcement optimization, and historical record storage.

9.14 Human Interface Layer (Man–Machine Interaction)

Two primary user interfaces exist:

| Interface | Platform | Role |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Central Touchscreen Dashboard | Raspberry Pi 5 | On-site real-time monitoring & actuator control |
| Mobile Application + Cloud Portal | iOS / Android | Remote control, analytics, alert notification, AI chatbot |

The combination ensures visibility **anywhere on site, anywhere off site**

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10.1 Appendix A: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Table 26 summarizes all acronyms used throughout this report for quick reference.

Table 26 Acronyms and Abbreviations[1]

| Acronym | Full Meaning / Definition |
|------------|--|
| AI | Artificial Intelligence |
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| AWS | Amazon Web Services |
| BNC | Bayonet Neill–Concelman Connector (for pH probe) |
| CPU | Central Processing Unit |
| CSS | Cascading Style Sheets |
| DO | Dissolved Oxygen |
| ESP32-S3 | Espressif Systems Dual-Core MCU Series |
| FCR | Feed Conversion Ratio |
| GB | Gigabyte |
| GPIO | General Purpose Input/Output |
| GSM / LTE | Long-Term Evolution Cellular Network |
| HTML | HyperText Markup Language |
| HTTP/HTTPS | Hypertext Transfer Protocol / Secure TLS Version |
| IoT | Internet of Things |
| IP67 | Ingress Protection Rating (Dust-tight + Immersion Protected) |
| JSON | JavaScript Object Notation |
| LCD | Liquid Crystal Display |
| LF RFID | Low-Frequency Radio-Frequency Identification (125 kHz) |
| LMIC | LoRaWAN MAC Implementation in C |
| LoRa | Long Range Radio Modulation |
| LoRaWAN | Long Range Wide Area Network |

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| LSTM | Long Short-Term Memory Neural Model |
| MQTT | Message Queuing Telemetry Transport Protocol |
| NFC (if used later) | Near-Field Communication |
| NTP | Network Time Protocol |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| pH | Potential of Hydrogen (acidity measure) |
| QoS | Quality of Service Level |
| RAM | Random Access Memory |
| RDS | Relational Database Service (AWS PostgreSQL) |
| RFID | Radio-Frequency Identification |
| RFM95W | LoRa Radio Module (SX1276 chipset) |
| RPM | Revolutions Per Minute (motor/pump units) |
| S3 | Simple Storage Service (AWS) |
| SD Card / microSD | Secure Digital Memory Storage |
| SDK | Software Development Kit |
| SLA | Service Level Agreement |
| SMBus/I2C | Inter-Integrated Circuit Serial Bus |
| SMS | Short Message Service |
| SPI | Serial Peripheral Interface |
| SQL | Structured Query Language |
| TLS | Transport Layer Security |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter |
| UI | User Interface |
| UPS | Uninterruptible Power Supply |
| UUID | Universally Unique Identifier |
| VPN (if added later) | Virtual Private Network |
| Wi-Fi | Wireless Fidelity (local wireless standard) |