



**FAO/NACA/SCA/DFID**  
**Expert Workshop on Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification**  
**London, UK**  
**28-29 February 2008**

**Background:**

The expert workshop on guidelines for aquaculture certification has been organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in collaboration with the Seafood Choices Alliance, and the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) together with the kind support of the Department for International Development (DFID), in response to the recommendations of the Aquaculture Sub-committee (ASC) of the FAO Committee on Fisheries.

The workshop is the fourth in a series of stakeholder meetings to assist the preparation of international guidelines for aquaculture certification. The three previous aquaculture certification expert workshops have, to date, focussed largely on Asia and Latin America as major producing regions of the world. However, attention is now focused on the major buying regions of the world, namely Europe and the USA. The London workshop will provide the opportunity for dialogue between the guidelines developers, producing country representatives and stakeholders in Europe, predominantly the major retail buyers and processors. The workshop partners will seek views, provide input and hold discussions on the current draft guidelines from a major buyers/retailers perspective and, through the inclusion of representatives of the major producing countries, will seek to explore suitability and across supply chains. A follow-up workshop, similar to this event, will be held in Washington DC in late April 2008.

The workshop will also explore the status, opportunities and mechanisms for enhanced supply chain partnerships to support change, as maybe necessary, to achieve aquaculture certification in producing countries and market access for aquaculture products on the European market.

Additional background information regarding the programme is provided in a separate Concept Note and the latest draft of the International Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification is available at [www.enaca.org/certification](http://www.enaca.org/certification).

The guidelines will be submitted, by FAO to its member governments, for approval in October 2008.

## Workshop Purpose:

The purpose of the workshop is to gather the views and opinions of European stakeholders involved in aquaculture certification and to continue the process of preparation of the international guidelines for certification of aquaculture products in compliance with the ASC's mandate.

The workshop is also intended to bring together stakeholders across the seafood supply chain to explore opportunities for building partnerships to support the implementation of aquaculture certification in producing countries, with particular reference to the small-scale aquaculture sector.

## Expected Outputs:

The expected outputs of the workshop, driven by the discussions and perspectives of the participants, are as follows:

- Stakeholders in Europe will bring together to contribute to the next stage of development of international guidelines for aquaculture certification;
- Aquaculture certification status and potential clarified and key issues and constraints identified for the European region. These key issues and constraints will be elaborated by representatives of supply chain stakeholders including importers, retailers, processors and suppliers from producing countries;
- Further consensus built on the content of the draft international guidelines for certification of aquaculture products;
- To reach an agreement on a continued process of working together amongst stakeholders to develop/complete the guidelines;
- Partnership opportunities, between Europe and other regions, explored regarding the development of mechanisms to support change, increased certification or other outcomes of mutual benefit;
- Improved mutual understanding of the challenges of production, processing and retail roles in an assured supply chain.

## Workshop Organisation:

The Workshop will involve 20-30 participants with different perspectives and experience regarding the certification and retail sales of aquaculture products. The workshop discussions will be addressed with a draft set of aquaculture certification guidelines developed from the previous workshops, and selected presentations from participants which will help frame the discussion. All participants will be invited to bring documentation and other pertinent material describing certification programmes, and their experience in aquaculture certification. Presentations should only be used as an information platform. The major part of the workshop will be spent on discussions and working together, towards the further development of the aquaculture certification guidelines and their implementation. The draft programme and preliminary list of background papers are attached hereto.

## Workshop Venue

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) has kindly offered to host this workshop on their premises located at, **1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE**.

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#### ◆ By Car

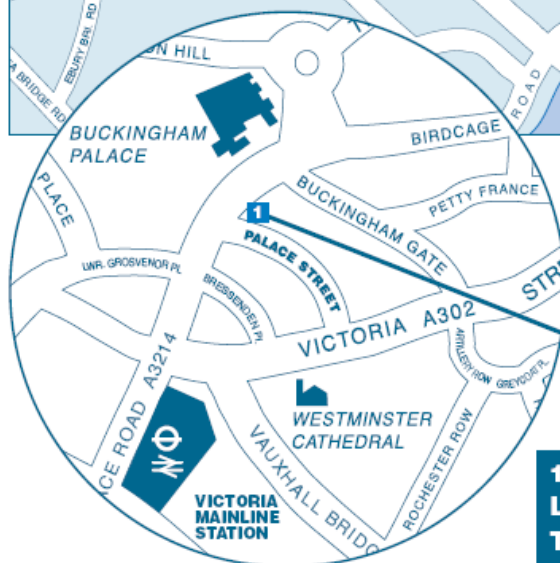
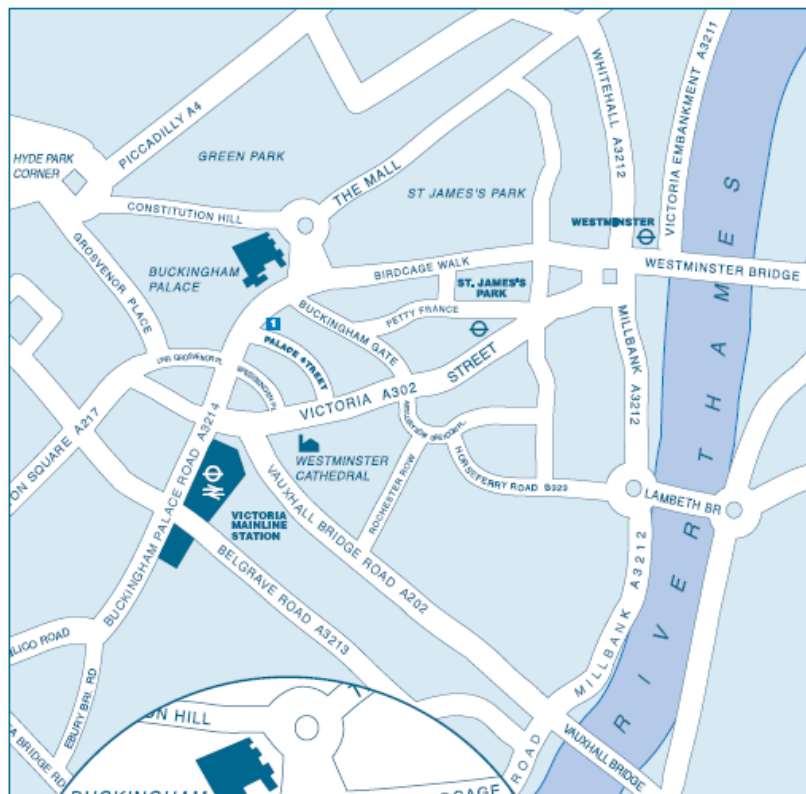
##### *From the A40 (M)*

Leave the motorway at Marylebone flyover, taking the A5 to Marble Arch, then Park Lane to Hyde Park Corner. Follow Grosvenor Place and turn left into Lower Grosvenor Place and then take the first left into Buckingham Palace Road. Then take the first right into Palace Street, where parking meters are available.

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##### *From The Embankment*

Over Westminster Bridge, straight across at the roundabout into Victoria Street. Palace Street is the first on the right past Buckingham Gate, where parking meters are available.



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## Draft Workshop Programme

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Arrival of participants
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	
09.00 – 09.15	Opening remarks Address by FAO – <b>Lahsen Ababouch</b> (FAO) Address by NACA – <b>Michael Phillips</b> (NACA)
<b>Introduction</b>	
09.30 – 10.15	International guidelines on aquaculture certification: Background and the progress made – <b>Rohana Subasinghe &amp; Michael Phillips</b>
10.15 – 10.45	Questions and answers and discussions
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee/Tea
<b>Presentation Session I – General</b>	
11.15 – 11.45	Aquaculture certification in Europe – perspectives of governments - <b>EC</b>
11.45 – 12.15	Aquaculture certification in Europe – perspectives of private sector - <b>FEAP</b>
12.15 – 12.45	Certification of aquaculture products and retail market chains: present status and future prospects – Melanie Siggs – <b>SCA</b>
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch
<b>Presentation Session II – European experiences and perspectives of aquaculture certification</b>	
14.00 – 15.00	Invited presentations (20 minutes each) on aquaculture certification in Europe I – Global Aquaculture Alliance – <b>Dan Lee</b> II – GLOBALGAP – <b>Nigel Garbutt</b> III – Worldwide Fund for Nature – <b>Jason Clay</b>
15.00 – 15.30	Impacts of certification: Perspectives of exporting countries and implications for small-holders in developing countries – <b>Charlotte Howard Tindall</b> (MRAG)
15.00 – 15.50	NGO Perspective – <b>Leo van Mulekom</b> (Oxfam)
15.50 – 16.20	Coffee/Tea
16.20 – 17.20	Questions, answers, and discussion
19.00	Dinner, hosted by DFID, for all participants (venue TBA)
<b>29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Presentation Session III – Supply chain partnerships aquaculture certification</b>	
09.00 – 09.10	Reintroduction of objectives and outcomes of Day One
09.10 – 10.10	Country experiences I Thailand – <b>TBI</b> II India – <b>TBI</b> III Viet Nam – <b>TBI</b>
10.10 – 10.30	Empowering small-scale aquafarmers in Aceh (Indonesia): Opportunities and Challenges – <b>Graeme Harris (WB/IFC)</b>
10.30 – 11.00	Empowering small-scale farmers to increase market access: our responsibility – Discussion led by <b>Michael Phillips</b>
11.00 – 11.30	Tea/Coffee
11.30 – 12.30	Guidelines on aquaculture certification: constraints, prospects and challenges to European seafood industry – Discussion led by <b>Rohana Subasinghe</b>
12.30 – 12.45	Closing remarks, actions and outcomes
12.45	Lunch/Departure
14.00	Side meetings