



**FAO/NACA/ Government of Brazil
Expert Workshop on Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification
July 31 – August 3, 2007. Marina Park Hotel, Fortaleza, Brazil**

Background:

The expert workshop on guidelines for aquaculture certification is organised by FAO and NACA, and hosted by the Government of Brazil, in response to the recommendations of the Aquaculture Sub-committee (ASC) of the FAO Committee on Fisheries.

This workshop is the second in a series of expert meetings to assist the development of guidelines for aquaculture certification, being hosted in Brazil, with a strong emphasis on aquaculture products from aquaculture producers in the Americas.

Further background is provided in a separate Concept Note available at www.enaca.org/certification.

Workshop Purpose:

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together diverse stakeholders involved in aquaculture certification to continue the process of preparation of the international guidelines for certification of aquaculture products as mandated by the COFI Aquaculture Sub-committee.

Expected Outputs:

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

- Stakeholders in the Americas brought together to contribute to development of guidelines on certification of aquaculture products.
- Aquaculture certification status and potential clarified and key issues and constraints identified for the Americas region.
- Further consensus built on the draft guidelines for certification of aquaculture products.
- Agreement reached on a continued process of working together among stakeholders to develop/complete the guidelines

Workshop Organisation:

The workshop will be held in Marina Park Hotel, Fortaleza, Brazil, involving 50-60 invited participants with different experiences and perspectives on certification of aquaculture products. The workshop discussions will be informed by a draft set of aquaculture certification guidelines developed from the Bangkok workshop, and a selected number of experience presentations from participants. All participants will be invited to bring documentation and other materials describing certification programs, and experiences in aquaculture certification. The major part of the workshop however will be spent on discussions and working together, rather than presentations, and further development of the aquaculture certification guidelines.

The draft program and preliminary list of background papers is attached.

Draft Workshop Program

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY
31 July 2007	
Opening Ceremony	
09.00 – 09.30	Opening remarks Address by FAO Address by NACA Address by the Hon. Minister of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Brazil
Introduction	
09.30 – 10.00	International guidelines on aquaculture certification: Background, progress and objectives of the Brazil workshop
10.00 – 10.30	General discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea
Presentation Session I – General	
11.00 – 11.30	Aquaculture certification in Brazil – perspectives of government and private sector
11.30 – 12.00	Certification of aquaculture products and retail market chains: present status and future prospects
12.00 – 12.30	General discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
Presentation Session II – Experiences and perspectives of aquaculture certification	
14.00 – 14.20	Aquaculture certification in Ecuador
14.20 – 14.40	Aquaculture certification in Peru
14.40 – 15.00	Aquaculture certification in Mexico
15.00 – 15.20	Aquaculture certification in Chile
15.20 – 15.40	Discussion
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee/Tea
16.00 – 16.20	Certification of organic aquaculture products
16.20 - 17.40	Further invited presentations on aquaculture certification in the Americas and seafood buyer/consumer and NGO perspectives
17.40 – 18.00	General discussion
19.30 -	Official dinner hosted by the Government of Brazil

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1 August 2007	
Session III – Working Groups	
08.30-09.00	Guidelines on aquaculture certification: status of draft guidelines and introduction to working groups – Rohana Subasinghe
09.30 – 09.30	Plenary presentations on selected key themes for consideration – Secretariat
09.30 – 12.30	Working group discussions
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Working Group discussions
16.00 – 17.30	Working Group presentations and plenary discussions
2 August 2007	
Session III – Working Groups (continued)	
08.30 – 10.30	Working Groups
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea
11.00 – 12.30	Working Groups continue
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Working Groups continue
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee/Tea
16.00 – 17.30	Working Group presentations and plenary discussions
3 August 2007	
Session IV – Plenary discussions	
08.30 – 10.30	Working Group presentations to plenary
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea
11.00 – 12.30	Plenary discussions continue
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Workshop achievements and way forward
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee/Tea
16.00 – 17.00	Final discussion and closing ceremony

Working Papers:

TITLE/SUBJECT
1. Draft guidelines on aquaculture certification
2. Aquaculture certification and retail market chains: present status and future prospects
3. Group/cluster certification and special considerations for small farmers
4. Minimum substantive criteria for aquaculture certification: food for thought
5. Economic and financial issue relevant to aquaculture certification
6. Effective communication and aquaculture certification: issues and challenges
7. Aquaculture certification in Ecuador
8. Aquaculture certification in Brazil
9. Aquaculture certification in Mexico
10. Aquaculture certification in Peru
11. Environmental certification of Salmon Farming in Chile
12. Certification for organic aquaculture sustainability