Best Aquaculture Practices Standards for Certification



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GAA Programs

- Communications
 - Global Aquaculture Advocate magazine
 - Website (www.gaalliance.org)
 - GAA Update electronic newsletter
- Networking
- Certification Standards
- Data Collection
- Meetings
 - Global Shrimp Outlook
 - Global Fish Outlook



Standards Development

- Shrimp standards developed over 8-year period
- Transparent with broad stakeholder participation
- NGO input from WWF, World Bank, and Conservation International
- Process is defined on GAA website
 - Technical committee of 12
 - NGO seats: 2
 - Public comment period
 - Independent decision process not influenced by GAA Board



BAP Standards: Comprehensive Scope of Issues

Environmental

- Mangroves, effluents, salinization
- Social
 - Community rights
 - Child labor and worker safety
- Food safety
 - Salmonella and other bacteria
 - Antibiotics, pesticides
- Traceability
 - From pond to processed lot





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BAP Standards: Entire Production Chain



Hatchery →Farm→Feed mill→Processing(in use)(in use)(in prep)(in use)



1. GAA

- Develop Standards
- License Standards and BAP Mark to ACC



Independent Roles

2. ACC

- Accredit Certifiers
- Manage Traceability Database

3. Certifiers

- Inspect Facilities
- Recommend Certification

Endorsement by Market

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WAL-MART Stores, Inc. the world's biggest supermarket group, is specifying that all imported farmed shrinp sold in its stores has been certified as meeting set environmental standards. The US retail giant has partnered with Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA) and Aquaculture Certification (GAA) and Aquaculture Certification soil The (ACC) to ensure that all

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Darden adds new certification program for shrimp suppliers

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Darden Restaurants Inc. is requiring its farmed shrimp suppliers to become Best Aquaculture Practices-certified. The certifications will come from the Global Aquaculture Alliance's newly revised standards, the Orlando-based company says. The Best Aquaculture Practices certification standards provide quantitative international guidelines and auditing procedures that limit environmental impacts and protect the wholesomeness of shrimp throughout the production process. Developed by the Global Aquaculture Alliance with input from technical experts and non-governmental organizations, the BAP program includes participating shrimp hatcheries, farms and processing plants worldwide.



Consult ACC Website for Standards, Forms, and List of Certified Facilities



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APPLICATION FORMS

Shrimp Farm, Processing Plant Certification

o be considered for participation in ACC's facility certification program, click below to download the Certification Registration and Application Forms. Print the forms, complete the information requested and return to the ACC office with the U.S. \$500 registration fee to enter the program.

Certification Registration Form (Farms) __2 pages in PDF format.

Certification Application Form (Farms) ____7 pages in PDF format.

Certification Application Form (Processing Plants - Preliminary) _4 pages in PDF format. If needed, _download free Adobe Acrobat software.



www.aquaculturecertification.org For guidance in answering form guestions, click the "Guidelines" links on the Farm Standards or Processing Plant Standards pages, or download full Guidelines for Standards below.

Guidelines for Standards (Farms) ___14 pages in PDF format.

Guidelines for Standards (Processing Plants - Preliminary) -6 pages in PDF format. If needed. download free Adobe Acrobat software:



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Farm cluster concept

- Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank Won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for microcredit to help the poor
- "Every single individual on Earth has the potential and the right to live a decent life"
- How can we assist small farmers to achieve certification to access international markets?
- Farm Clusters may be an answer, but we need your ideas and help



