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

Certifying Best Practices for Responsible Aquaculture
BAP Standards: Entire Production Chain

Hatchery (in use) ➔ Farm (in use) ➔ Feed mill (in prep) ➔ Processing (in use)
1. **GAA**
   - Develop Standards
   - License Standards and BAP Mark to ACC

2. **ACC**
   - Accredit Certifiers
   - Manage Traceability Database

3. **Certifiers**
   - Inspect Facilities
   - Recommend Certification
Darden adds new certification program for shrimp suppliers

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.
APPLICATION FORMS

Shrimp Farm, Processing Plant Certification

To 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.

For guidance in answering form questions, 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.
Farm cluster concept

• Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank Won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for microcredit to help the poor

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• 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