

Best Aquaculture Practices

Fact Sheet

The Responsible Seafood Choice



BAP certification is administered by the Global Aquaculture Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocacy, education and leadership in responsible aquaculture.

BAP is the world's most trusted and comprehensive third-party aquaculture certification program. We've been improving the environmental, social and economic performance of the aquaculture supply chain since 2002.

Why BAP?

We are the "one-stop shop" for aquaculture certification. Producers don't need to patch together various certification programs to cover only a portion of what BAP covers.

We are market-driven. Our market development team promotes BAP to an influential network of retailers and foodservice operators on behalf of all BAP-certified facilities.

TODAY ABOUT 50% OF FISH CONSUMED
WORLDWIDE IS FARM-RAISED. BY 2030
62% OF FOOD FISH
WILL COME FROM
AQUACULTURE

We are a third-party certification, ensuring your audit is fair, legal and traceable. We are the only aquaculture certification that encompasses the entire production chain: farms, processing plants, hatcheries and feed mills. BAP certification is proof of your commitment to the environment, workers and the health of the animal and consumer.

What Species are Included?

Our BAP standards are scientific, rigorous and always evolving to meet changes in aquaculture. We cover dozens of species, representing 98.8% of the world's farmed finfish, crustacean and mollusk production.

- abalone
- barramundi
- carp
- catfish
- clams
- cobia
- flounder
- grouper
- mussels
- oysters
- pangasius
- perch
- pompano
- salmon
- sea bass
- sea bream
- seriola
- shrimp
- striped bass
- tilapia
- trout
- turbot

Lead the Industry

More than 1,500 aquaculture facilities worldwide are BAP certified, and the total annual output from BAP-certified processing plants exceeds 2.2 million metric tons. More than 120 retail and foodservice companies worldwide are publicly committed to sourcing seafood from BAP-certified facilities.

What's the Star System?

- ★ Star status is assigned when the processing plant and associated farm(s) attain BAP certification, a two-star designation. Preferably, associated hatcheries and feed mills attain BAP certification to reach the three-star or highest four-star designation.

What Do BAP Standards Cover?

Environmental Responsibility

Compliance with standards that address such issues as habitat conservation, water quality and effluent.



Animal Health and Welfare

Best practices in animal husbandry, addressing such issues as disease control.



Food Safety

Assurance that no banned antibiotics or other chemicals are used and that all approved chemical treatments are carried out in a responsible fashion.



Social Responsibility

Adherence to local laws for worker safety, child labor and community rights.

Traceability: Supply chain traceability from the source to the marketplace is mandated by the BAP program.