What Do BAP Standards Cover?

What Does BAP Certify?
BAP is the world’s most comprehensive third-party aquaculture certification solution, with standards encompassing the entire production chain, including farms, processing plants, hatcheries and feed mills.

Why BAP?
GAA recognizes that aquaculture is the only sustainable means of growing the world’s seafood supply to feed the 9 billion people who are projected to inhabit the Earth by 2050. BAP certification assures retailers, foodservice operators and consumers that aquaculture facilities apply responsible production practices.

What Species Are Included?
The BAP finfish and crustacean farm standards cover a multitude of species, including the ones listed below. BAP standards also exist for salmonids and bivalves, seafood processing plants, feed mills and hatcheries, and BAP standards for zone management are in the early stages of development.

- barramundi
- catfish
- Pangasius
- pompano
- salmon
- shrimp
- tilapia
- trout
- carp
- cobia
- flounder
- grouper
- perch
- seabass
- sea bream
- seriola
- striped bass
- turbot

What's the Star System?
Star status is assigned when the processing plant and associated farm(s) have attained certification, a 2-star designation. Preferably, associated hatcheries and feed mills attain BAP certification to reach the 3-star or highest 4-star designation.

BAP In Today’s Marketplace
BAP standards are the dominant aquaculture standards in the marketplace. More than 1,100 aquaculture facilities worldwide are BAP certified, and the total annual output from BAP-certified processing plants exceeds 1.5 million metric tons.

What’s the Star System?

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.

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

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.