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Promoting and assuring more sustainable and responsible practices for the benefit of aquaculture stakeholders and society at large

ASC, GAA and GLOBALG.A.P. pilot combined audit checklists

Aquaculture certification programmes ready to pilot streamlined joint audits

To increase audit efficiency, three leading aquaculture certification programmes, ASC, BAP and GLOBALG.A.P. have now drafted and agreed combined checklists for farms that seek more than one certificate.

A combined checklist minimises duplication of audit points between schemes and will comprise all the audit points of one standard supplemented by specific add-on clauses for the other standard(s).

A farm that seeks multiple certifications can select any one of the three programmes as the primary standard and then select the desired add-on(s).

If a farm proves to be compliant with the schemes' standards it may be able to gain two certificates (or later even three) through this process.

Combined audits for ASC and GLOBALG.A.P. covering shrimp, salmon and pangasius; for GLOBALG.A.P. and BAP covering finfish and crustaceans; and for ASC and BAP covering pangasius, will be available for piloting from 22 April and, if successful, they can lead to farms obtaining multiple certificates. Other species are likely to be considered after the pilots have been evaluated and other combined pilot audits will be available soon.

Auditors will be able to combine audits to a large extent. In order for them to grant certification against individual schemes they will need to meet all the scheme's requirements.

The three organisations will continue to retain their independence while striving to offer further synergies wherever possible.

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About ASC

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation co-funded by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and The Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) in 2010 to manage the certification of responsible fish farming across the globe. The ASC standards require farm performance to be measured against both environmental and social requirements.

Certification is through an independent third party process and (draft) reports are uploaded to the public ASC website. The on-pack ASC logo guarantees to consumers that the fish they purchase has been farmed with minimal impacts on the environment and on society. For more information, visit www.asc-aqua.org.

About GAA

The Global Aquaculture Alliance is an international, non-profit trade association dedicated to advancing environmentally and socially responsible aquaculture. Through the development of its Best Aquaculture Practices certification standards, GAA is a leading standards-setting organization for farmed seafood. For more information, visit www.gaalliance.org.

About GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. Aquacultural Standards have been operational for over 10 years as part of a global food certification system for agricultural products. Its standards cover food safety, environmental, social and animal welfare requirements for feed, hatchery and farming operations. It operates as a business to business program with a consumer facing traceability code. GLOBALG.A.P. also



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operates a benchmarking system with more than 20 national and international standards recognized as equivalent. For more information, visit www.globalgap.org.

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