Best Aquaculture Practices
The Responsible Seafood Choice

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
The BAP program mandates supply chain traceability from the source to the marketplace.

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.

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
- groupers
- perch
- seashells
- sea bream
- seriola
- striped bass
- turbot

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