



Sustainability Risk Assessment Working Group Minutes

Date: 10 December 2019

Location: Skype

Attendees: 8

2	Members	1	Technical Advisor
1	Observers	3	Steering Committee
1	Secretariat		

<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To run through the approach for aquaculture To get feedback from the advisory Committee and present working group members

1. Summary of points from consultant

- Seeking a research assistant to gather intelligence on select species. Some of the species will be more difficult to obtain information on than others. Having troubles finding a Cantonese speaking student and will continue to look.
- For species in the aquaculture assessment - local farmed product options: Idea is to develop local species profiles so that members have more local options over the long term.
- Accredited Fish Farm Scheme - A quality assurance scheme against dangerous chemicals, and other safety criteria. Consultant seeks to meet in February.
- Current scope is covering eight criteria in the assessment: Farm siting, nutrient pollution, feed sources, disease medicine and chemicals, introductions/genetics, wild seed and fish welfare.
- Looking at the aquaculture decision tree from the HKSSC VCOCs and what is required for non certified product: Wants to break it into high/medium/low risk. Propose that a matrix is used in order to do this risk rating, which will be shared via email to the team.
- Having a green, orange, red concept is useful because it helps to look at what is needed to get to green. But it may be difficult to do - keep in mind an audit approach for those species where no information is available.
- Example of wild seed is below:

	High risk	Medium risk	Low risk
Wild seed	Operation is fully dependant on wild seed, species may be threatened.	Operation relies on wild seed, through evidence in place that it is managed so that the species are not exploited. Some management in place.	No impact to wild populations, farm is certified third party that ensures seed comes from certified wild catch.

2. Feedback from attendees on approach

- TA felt that the risk matrix was very straight forward. It is something that could be used internally and it's not too technical and complicated.

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- Feedback: Would it make sense to have a fourth column added to the matrix where you can list critical non-conformity?
- Project can be scaled to increase the number of species assessed so that members can eventually look locally. Members can still add more species to the list.
- Question: List of species - One from AC said that they would like to revisit the list to look at the different options. There are potentially some that are more relevant.
- Some feedback is that some of the species will be very difficult to do a risk assessment on some of the species. Suggest that as a fall back if a risk assessment is not possible, the second option is to audit. To do this, you will need to determine what is in the audit.