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

Agenda
1. To run through the approach for aquaculture
2. 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:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>High risk</th>
<th>Medium risk</th>
<th>Low risk</th>
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<td>Wild seed</td>
<td>Operation is fully dependant on wild seed, species may be threatened.</td>
<td>Operation relies on wild seed, through evidence in place that it is managed so that the species are not exploited.</td>
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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.

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