



Principles for the Australian Sustainably Farmed Barramundi Certification Program

The Australian Sustainably Farmed Barramundi Certification Program (ASFBCP) is based on the following principles.

Sustainability Management

- Each farm makes a commitment to sustainability which is communicated to staff, visitors, suppliers and customers.
- Each farm is developed and managed to achieve sustainability within the local ecology.
- Each farm monitors their potential impacts upon the natural environment.
- Farms are located on approved and sustainable sites and new farms do not involve large scale disturbance of marine plants.
- New farms and expansions are designed to maximise ecoefficiency and the water quality of any discharges.
- Each farm has a specifically developed environmental management approach or documented environmental management plan which has strategies to minimise environmental risks and maximise sustainability.
- Farms ensure staff understand the obligations, priorities and strategies to achieve environmental compliance, sustainability and maximise eco-efficiency.
- Farms have identified key aspects of the local natural environment and potential impacts are understood.
- Farms have undertaken a specific risk assessment and have developed mitigation strategies and contingency plans which address foreseeable events.
- Farms strive for continual improvement in sustainability and eco-efficiency.

Sustainability Performance

- Construction and upgrading works on farms minimise disturbance or re-establish soils, erosion protection and drainage.
- Farms regularly review their eco-efficiency.
- Water quality of receiving waters and any discharge waters is understood and potential effects minimised.
- Water use from groundwater and surface waters is minimised within the constraints of farm design and efficient operations.
- Energy use is minimised to achieve the best possible eco-efficiency within the constraints of farm design and efficient operations.
- Erosion, sedimentation and any acid sulphate soils are managed on site and there is minimal sediment loss or dust from the farm.
- Waste is minimised to achieve the best possible eco-efficiency within the constraints of farm design and efficient operations, waste disposal is sustainable.
- Chemicals are used on farm only where their (adverse and beneficial) affects are understood, storage is safe and disposal of surplus product and containers is environmentally safe.
- Off farm noise and odour impacts on neighbours and any surrounding natural environment is minimised.
- Protected natural vegetation on farm and natural vegetation off farm is not disturbed, weeds on farm are controlled and impacts on wildlife minimised.
- Ponds are managed to maximise production, achieve the best possible eco-efficiency and minimise contaminants discharged.
- Farms manage fish stocks to maintain fish health and reduce any biosecurity risks.

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- Farms consider the sustainability aspects of feed used.

Product Quality

- Farms process fish and deliver to market in a manner which meets all food safety requirements.
- Fish is of high quality, undamaged and without taint.