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Memory of Understanding

Friend of the Sea (FOS) and fair-fish international on behalf of its FishEthoBase research team (FEB) agree upon collaboration to attain the following goals:

1. Developing fish welfare criteria to be adopted by the FOS standard

As a first, FEB will draft a set of core interspecies welfare criteria to be discussed and agreed upon with FOS. This set of criteria will be communicated by FOS to its certified farms in order to give them an idea on where the journey will go.

Later, based on the practical results of the consultancy, FEB conferring with FOS will develop general and species-specific fish welfare criteria that can be implemented by fish farmers. The criteria will be handed over to FOS not later than May 2020, in two sets: one for fin fish in general and one with specific instructions for each species.

FOS will decide on the adoption of the criteria as a part of its standard not later than August 2020 and on the deadlines of their mandatory application, after a first phase of facultative compliance.

1. Consultancy for fish welfare improvement on FOS certified fish farms

FEB experts bring ethology based consultancy to FOS certified fish farms, visiting each farm twice. At the first visit, one day per farm, serves to establish a gap analysis against FEB criteria and to provide the farmer with recommendations how to improve fish welfare. The second visit half a year later serves to assess the progress made and to help with further recommendations.


FOS will contact all certified farms, inform them about the intention to integrate fish welfare criteria in its standard, and invite them to open their doors to FEB experts for consultation. In accordance with FOS, FEB will set up a visit programme in Europe, embracing at least 3 farms per species in order to cover a broad range of species and as much farms as funding allows.


The details of the visit planning and budget are agreed upon by FOS and FEB in a separate document.

3. Giving the good example

FOS and fair-fish will present the result of their cooperation in consultancy, criteria building and implementation at tun occasion of conferences (academia and field), mdia releases, etc.

The attached planning and budget are integrating parts of the present MOU which is valid provided funding of third party.


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