



IFFO RS Programme of Work for Standards – Jan 2016 – Dec 2016

This document represents the IFFO RS programme of work for Standards development in the 2016 calendar year. The main work occurring in 2016 will be the continuing development of Version 2 of the IFFO RS Standard, covering both Fishery and Factory assessment components. Work on the development of Version 2 began in 2015, and it is anticipated that this Standard will be in place and applicable to all new applicants in early 2017. Until this time, Version 1 of the IFFO RS Standard will remain active.

The main objectives for the development of Version 2 are:

- To continue to meet the objectives set in the development of Version 1 of the IFFO RS Standard;
- To enhance the IFFO RS Approval Criteria for whole fish used as a raw material for IFFO RS compliant production to promote more responsible fisheries management;
- To promote more efficient marine ingredients production practices to reduce the environmental impact of the fishmeal and fish oil manufacturing process;
- To promote and create improved social and welfare benefits for all workers employed within the marine ingredients manufacturing sector;
- To develop this version of the standard to be in compliance with the ISEAL Code of Practice for Setting Social and Environmental Standard v5.0.

Version 1 of the IFFO RS Standard has been in place since April 2009. It has undergone minor improvements and amendments, and is currently Version 1 Issue 6. This version of the Standard is used to certify fishmeal and fish oil manufacturing facilities as utilising responsible sourcing and processing methods. The Standard is also used to approve the fisheries which are used by IFFO RS certified factories as being responsibly managed. There are not anticipated to be any significant changes to either component of Version 1.6 of the Standard until Version 2 comes into effect.

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Summary of work completed in 2015:

- Stakeholder identification exercise completed.
- Communications with stakeholders and other Standards holders initiated.
- IFFO RS Standard V2 development Terms of Reference drafted, publically consulted upon, reviewed and finalised.
- Technical Advisory Committee formed and assembled.
- Broad strokes of V2 Standard and assessment process agreed.
- Multispecies and risk-based assessment approaches researched.
- TAC meetings and reviews of draft documentation held as required.

2016 Work Programme

Stage	Description	Participants	Outputs	Target Date	Status
1	Create draft Version 2 fishery assessment template.	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Draft fishery assessment template	Jan 2016	Completed
2	TAC review of fishery assessment template	IFFO RS V2 TAC	Fishery assessment template agreed by TAC	Jan 2016	Completed
3	Trial assessment of Peru anchovy fishery	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Draft fishery assessment	March 2016	Completed
4	TAC review of Peru anchovy assessment	IFFO RS V2 TAC	Comments on fishery assessment draft	April 2016	Completed
5	IFFO RS V2 factory TAC created and convened to discuss proposed factory criteria and assessment approach	IFFO RS V2 factory TAC; IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Agreed direction for factory assessment criteria and approach	April 2016	Completed
6	Further development of factory criteria and assessment approach to reflect TAC comments	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Draft factory assessment criteria and approach for trials	May 2016	Completed
7	Trial assessment of South African small pelagic fishery	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Draft fishery assessment	June 2016	Completed
8	Trial assessment of Peru fishmeal and fish oil factory	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Draft factory assessment	June 2016	Completed

9	First public consultation (30 days) on draft fishery assessment criteria and process	IFFO RS team; RS Standards; stakeholders; TAC	Public comments on draft fishery assessment criteria and process	August 2016	Pending
10	Development of multispecies assessment approach and trial assessment of Thailand multispecies fishery	IFFO RS team; RS Standards; TAC	Draft multispecies assessment approach and multispecies fishery assessment	September 2016	In progress
11	Review of New Factory criteria with Approved IFFO RS Certification Bodies to allow enable a further pilot to be conducted	IFFO RS team; RS Standards; Certification Bodies	Draft Factory Assessment	September 2016	In progress
12	Revision of factory assessment criteria and process to reflect outcomes of trials and comments from factory TAC	IFFO RS team; RS Standards; IFFO RS V2 factory TAC	Agreed final draft of factory criteria and process	November 2016	Pending
13	Revision of fishery assessment criteria and process to reflect outcomes of public consultation, TAC comments, and trial assessments	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Final draft of fishery assessment criteria and process	November 2016	Pending
14	Second public consultation, on entire proposed Standard and assessment process (fishery and factory components). 60 days.	IFFO RS team; RS Standards; stakeholders; TAC	Public comments on draft fishery and factory assessment criteria and process	December 2016/ January 2017	Pending
15	Feedback collation and	IFFO RS team; RS Standards	Final proposed Version 2	February 2017	Pending

	analysis, revision of Standard to reflect feedback		Standard and assessment process for both fishery and factory components		
16	Presentation to IFFO RS Governing Board for final approval	IFFO RS team, RS Standards; IFFO RS GB	Final approved Standard	April 2017	Pending