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Work Program for Standard Setting and Revision

This Work Program provides stakeholders with an overview of the status of different Standards of Friend of the Sea, basically distinguished as seafood and non-seafood. The Technical and Scientific Department is responsible for setting and revising the Standards. Regarding the seafood standards, the full guidance for this process is available in the Standard Development and Maintenance Procedure.

At least every six months, the Technical and Scientific Department shall update this Work Program and make it available on the official website. These updates may refer to the list of seafood standards currently under preparation (Table 1) and the list of seafood standards that were adopted in the preceding period (Table 2).

Non-seafood standards (Table 3) are considered pilot projects and currently do not follow the same procedures of the seafood standards.

Table 1. Friend of the Sea seafood standards currently under preparation.

Estimated date	Standard	Proposed changes
*December 2020	Aquaculture – Inland v.3	New requirements and updates
*December 2020	Aquaculture – Marine v.2	New requirements and updates
*December 2020	Audit Guidance for aquaculture standards	Guidance on aquaculture standards
*December 2020	24 species-specific aquaculture fish welfare standards	New standards on aquaculture fish welfare
*December 2020	Audit Guidance for aquaculture fish welfare standards	Guidance on fish welfare aquaculture standards
July 2021	FOS FF, FM, FO, O3 & CoC – v.5	New requirements and updates

*: *still under revision process*

Table 2. Friend of the Sea seafood standards adopted in the preceding period.

Standard	Description of amendment	Ratification Date
FOS Wild – v.3	Update	30/09/2016
FOS CoC – v.4	Standards update to GSSI	29/09/2016
FOS FF, FM, FO & O3 – v.4	Standards update to GSSI	29/09/2016
FOS Aqua – Shellfish – v.2	First review	03/11/2015
FOS CoC – v.3	Standards update to accreditation requirements	23/07/2015
FOS FF, FM, FO & O3 – v.3	Standards update to accreditation requirements	23/07/2015
FOS Wild – v.2	Update	01/07/2015
FOS Aqua – Inland – v.2	First review	03/11/2014
FOS CoC – v.2	Second issue	28/05/2014
FOS FF, FM, FO & O3 – v.2	Second issue	28/05/2014

FOS CoC – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013
FOS FF, FM, FO & O3 – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013
FOS Aqua – Marine – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013
FOS Aqua – Shellfish – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013
FOS Aqua – Inland – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013
FOS Wild – v.1	First issue	18/01/2013

Table 3. Friend of the Sea seafood standards currently valid.

Standard	Description of amendment	Ratification Date
FOS Wild – v.4	New requirements and updates regarding GSSI	18/03/2020
Audit Guidance v.2	Guidance on the new and updated requirements	18/03/2020
FOS Wild – v.3.1	Definitions and guidance to the standard	18/10/2017
Audit Guidance v.1	Guidance on the requirements	27/10/2017
FOS FF, FM, FO, O3 & CoC – v.5	FF, FM, FO, O3 and COC standards merge	24/10/2016
FOS Aqua – Inland – v.3	Second review	18/10/2016
FOS Aqua – Shellfish – v.3	Second review	16/06/2016
FOS Aqua – Marine – v.2	Second review	03/11/2014

Table 4. Friend of the Sea non-seafood standards currently valid.

Standard	Version	Issue Date
FOS Sustainable aquariums	First issue	19/04/2019
FOS Sustainable ornamental fish & corals	Third issue	25/09/2019
FOS Restaurants and catering chains	Third issue	17/06/2020
FOS Sustainable shipping	Fourth issue	25/09/2019
FOS FAD-Free	Second issue	20/01/2015



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FOS Sustainable dolphin and whale watching	Second issue	01/04/2019
FOS Sustainable dolphin and whale watching for scientific groups	First issue	01/10/2019
FOS Sustainable whale shark watching	First issue	01/04/2020
FOS Sustainable manta ray watching	First issue	01/03/2020
FOS Sustainable sea turtle watching	First issue	10/06/2020
FOS Sustainable diving	First issue	10/07/2020
FOS Sustainable snorkeling	First issue	01/07/2020
FOS Sustainable beach	First issue	05/04/2019
FOS Seaweed and algae products	Third issue	27/01/2020
FOS Sustainable UV cream	Second issue	04/06/2020
FOS Sustainable salt	First issue	11/11/2019
FOS Aqua – Prawns – v.2	Second issue	18/05/2016
FOS Turtle Safe	First issue	20/11/2019