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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), the list of seafood standards currently under revision (Table 2) and the list of seafood standards that were adopted in the preceding period (Table 3). Non-seafood standards (Table 4) are considered pilot projects and currently do not follow the same procedures.

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

Estimated date	Standard	Proposed changes
February 2020	FOS FF, FM, FO, O3 & CoC – v.6	New requirements and updates
July 2020	Audit Guidance v.3	Update guidance on FOS FF, FM, FO, O3 & CoC
July 2020	Aquaculture – Inland v.3	New requirements and updates
July 2020	Aquaculture – Marine v.2	New requirements and updates
July 2020	Audit Guidance v.4	Implementation of guidance on aquaculture

Table 2. Friend of the Sea seafood standards currently under revision.

Date of revision	Standard	Proposed changes
September 2019	FOS Wild v.4	New requirements and updates regarding GSSI
September 2019	Audit Guidance v.2	New requirements and updates regarding GSSI

Table 3. Friend of the Sea seafood standards adopted in the preceding period.

Standard	Description of amendment	Approval Date
FOS Wild – v.3.1	Definitions and guidance to the standard	18/10/2017
FOS FF, FM, FO, O3 & CoC – v.5	FO and COC standards merge	24/10/2016
FOS Aqua – Inland – v.3	Second review	18/10/2016
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.3	Second review	16/06/2016
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 – Marine – v.2	First review	03/11/2014
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 4. Friend of the Sea non-seafood standards currently valid.

Standard	Version	Approval Date
Sustainable Aquariums	First issue	17/04//2019
Sustainable Dolphing and Whale watching	Second issue	01/04/2019
Sustainable Beaches	Fist issue	05/04/2019
Sustainable Sunscreen	Fist issue	15/04/2019
Sustainable shipping	Fourth issue	25/09/2019
Sustainable Ornamental Species	Third issue	25/09/2019
Sustainable Restaurants and Catering Chains	Second issue	08/10/2019
Sustainable Dolphing and Whale watching for Scientific Group	First issue	01/10/2019
Sustainable Salt	Second issue	13/11/2019
FOS-Aqua prawns	Second issue	18/05/2016
FAD-FREE	Second issue	20/01/2015
Seaweed products	First issue	19/03/2014