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# Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability

## Facilitating continuous improvement via data insights

### What is the Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability?

The **Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA)** enables aquaculture producers to collect predefined metrics via farm management software (FMS) and transform the information into records that can track progress, guide optimization efforts, and demonstrate responsible production practices. Producers can implement the IDA add-on in combination with the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard for aquaculture.

### How does it work?

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#### Data collection

Data is collected via farm management software. This record-keeping procedure is audited annually at farm level by a GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body.

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#### Data transfer

The data is sent to the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems via an API connection.

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#### Data aggregation

The GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems pool the data and return anonymized, aggregated data to the producer's farm management software.

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#### Data reporting

The farm management software creates comparison reports of peer producers with similar production conditions.

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#### Data interpretation

The producer uses the reports to guide continuous improvement and support responsible actions on the farm.

### Who can use the IDA add-on?

- Aquaculture producers with **IFA certification**
- **Producers of all sizes**, from smallholders to large producer groups



## What are the benefits of IDA?

- 1 **Increase awareness** of your long-term performance and market position.
- 2 **Gain valuable insights** that support decision-making and help optimize performance.
- 3 **Freely choose your FMS** (from a list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved providers).
- 4 **Rest assured** your personally identifiable data is not shared with other parties and your sustainability efforts are not scored or ranked publicly against other producers.
- 5 **Prepare for the future** of metric-based certification and footprint calculations.

## What data is collected?

**Metrics** such as:

- Energy efficiency
- Feed indicators including fishmeal and fish oil composition
- Mortality and escape indicators
- Antimicrobial and vaccination indicators

### Find a CB

Scan the code to learn more about IDA and to find a compatible FMS or GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB.



## Five steps to an IDA letter of conformance

- 1 **Contact an approved FMS provider** of your choice and start sharing your data.
- 2 **Download the relevant IDA documents**, implement the requirements, and conduct a self-assessment using the checklist.
- 3 **After sharing data for a minimum of three consecutive months**, you can request an audit from a GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body (CB). It must be the same CB that conducts your IFA audit.
- 4 **The CB will conduct the audit** to confirm compliance with the IDA requirements and the reliability of the data.
- 5 Once the CB has verified that **all requirements have been met**, they will issue your IDA letter of conformance. As long as you continue sharing data for all relevant metrics every month, the letter of conformance is valid for one year before another CB audit is necessary.

