

# Developing, Implementing, Auditing & Certifying Veterinary Biosecurity Programs



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**INTERNATIONAL AQUACULTURE BIOSECURITY CONFERENCE**

**Practical Approaches for the Prevention, Control, and Eradication of Disease**  
August 17-18, 2009  
Trondheim, Norway

Held in conjunction with Aqua Nor 2009, the international aquaculture venue.

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A two day program of internationally-recognized keynote speakers and contributed posters on the following topics:

- Economic impact of disease and biosecurity programs
- Components of ideal biosecurity plans and programs
- International, regional and national strategies
- Identifying and prioritizing hazardous diseases and evaluating risks
- Determining and mitigating hazardous disease critical control points and risks
- Disease epidemiology, surveillance and monitoring
- Determining disease status and freedom
- Control and eradication contingency plans and programs
- Disease diagnostics, medical and farm record keeping
- Implementing, auditing and certifying biosecurity programs

The goal of this conference is to provide expert opinions and tools for implementing practical, economic, and effective biosecurity plans and programs. A call for posters is forthcoming on the website.

- Registration by July 1, 2009: NOK 2500 (- \$500 USD)
- Registration after July 1, 2009: NOK 4500 (- \$650 USD)

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# Much an outcome of the

# International Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference

August 2009  
Trondheim Norway

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# Motivation

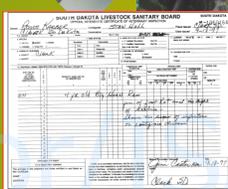
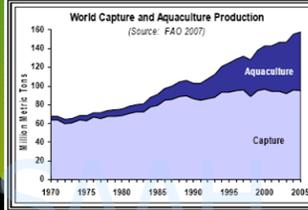
## Producers

- Protect investments
- Maximize production
- Value-added certified product
- Meet regulations?

## Governments

- Protect industries
- Increase production & trade



Year	Capture (Million Metric Tons)	Aquaculture (Million Metric Tons)
1970	50	0
1975	55	0
1980	60	0
1985	65	0
1990	70	10
1995	75	25
2000	80	45
2005	85	65

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## International

- Prevent disease spread
- Protect domestic industries



- Meet international trade requirements



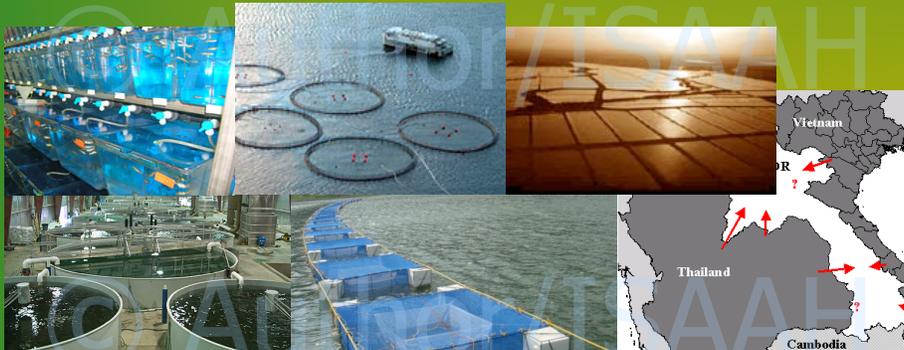
# © Author/ISAAH The Focal Point & Ultimate Objective of Biosecurity

To ensure that an epidemiological unit does not become diseased ... .. and it remains that way.



## Epidemiological Units – from a Tank to a Nation

**Epidemiologic Unit**—a defined population of animals, separated to some degree from other populations, in which infectious and contagious diseases can be transmitted



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## The Components

**What procedures & processes need to be place to prevent (or control & eradicate) infectious & contagious diseases?**

- Identify disease Hazards & Risks (risk analysis)
- Identify Critical Control Points (for disease entry / escape)
- Fix / Mitigate Critical Control Points (risk management)
- Develop Contingency Plans
- Determine Disease Status / Freedom
- Monitor progress & Audit implementation
- Certify Biosecurity Levels / Disease Freedom

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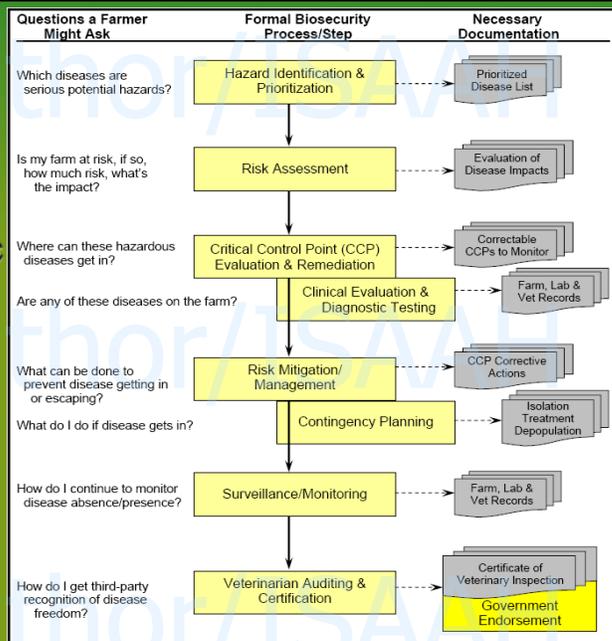
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## Integrating Biosecurity Components

### Any Epidemiologic Unit (EU)

- Establishment
- Compartment
- Zone
- Region
- Country



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## Resources/Workforce Needs

- Licensed/registered veterinarians (legal & professional liability)
- Paraveterinary (techs/nurses/biologist) field service personnel
- Diagnostic laboratory system
- Product/equipment suppliers
- NGO systems & infrastructure
  - Education
  - Compliance registry
  - Competency credentialing
- Governmental (regulatory) personnel & infrastructure



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## Implementation Personnel & Activities

### Personnel

- Operation owner & employees
- Licensed/registered / accredited veterinarians
- Para-veterinary professionals – vet techs, nurses, fisheries biologists

### Activities

- Written operation-specific Biosecurity Plan & records
- Veterinary evaluation, diagnostic interpretation, auditing, ABC certificates
- Diagnostic lab tests, general assistance

**Workforce – Training & credentialing needed for all individual involved in activities**

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## Implementing Biosecurity Steps

**A progressive process – in written Plan**

- **ABC Level I** – Committed to developing site-specific plan; decision – deciding disease hazards/risks
- **ABC Level II** – Risk analysis, CCP evaluation & mitigation evaluation complete, diagnostics started
- **ABC Level III** – CCP/risk management & contingency plan in place; diagnostics complete
- **ABC Level IV** – Full audit complete; disease-free/SPF
- **ABC Level V** – Government Agency endorsement

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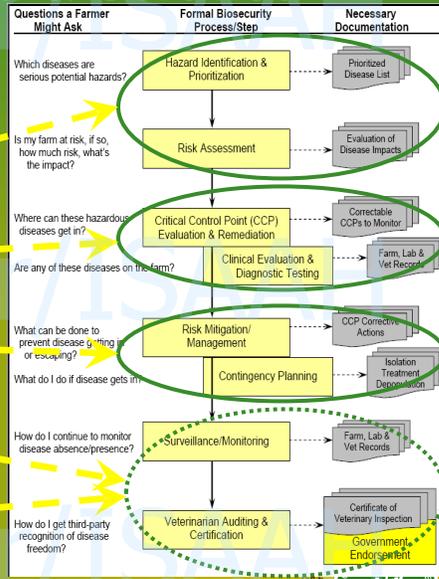
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# What's Audited & Certified

## Implementation Progress of Tailored Biosecurity Plan

- ABC Level 1
- ABC Level 2
- ABC Level 3
- ABC Level 4  
(Disease Free)
- ABC Level 5  
(Reserved – Gov't Endorsement)



# Veterinary Biosecurity Certificates

- Need to be tailored specifically for biosecurity



# Governmental (competent authority) Endorsement

- For “official” recognition (primarily for meeting regulatory requirements) non-governmental programs require government agency endorsement
- Voluntary NGO/industry programs must meet the same endpoints as government/regulatory programs
- Biosecurity endpoints – measures (prevention, control, eradication) are in place to ensure Epi-Unit (e.g. farm) is SPF



# Boosting Agency Workforce – National Veterinary Accreditation Programs

- ✓ Supplementing government regulatory activities workforce
- ✓ Supports OIE Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS Tool).



# US NVAP - Aquatic Veterinary Modules -

1. Priority diseases
2. Biosecurity
3. Health/disease regulations & certification



## Implementation Considerations

### Voluntary

- Individual producer/farm
- Industries

### Compulsory

- Legislation/regulations

### National/International standards

- National Strategies/OIE Code

### Combinations

- Voluntary, compulsory & standards (requires government-industry, public-private collaboration, cost-sharing, etc)

### Flexible

- Tailored to specific needs, resources & conditions



## Implementation Considerations

- Ideally – an Internationally Standardized Approach
- Large well-funded producers
  - will adopt easily
- Small-scale, resource-limited producers
  - will need
    - ownership,
    - self motivation
    - explicit returns for investment

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## Producer & Workforce Training & Credentialing

### Next Steps

- Producer & service provider training workshops
  - 1-day theory & process
  - 1-day table-to exercises & scenario modeling
  - 1-day on-farm exercise
- On-line recognition
  - Producers actively implementing a V-ABC program (& ABC Level)
  - Service providers credentialed as trainers & implementers

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## International Veterinary Aquaculture Biosecurity Consortium Initiatives

- September 2010 – ISA-Biosecurity Workshop, Norway
- October 2010 – ISA-Biosecurity Workshop, Puerto Montt, Chile
- 2011/12 - FOA/OIE EUS-Zambezi Valley Biosecurity Workshops
- October 2011 – WVA Aquaculture Biosecurity Workshop, Cape Town, S. Africa
- Possible Turkey, UK Workshops

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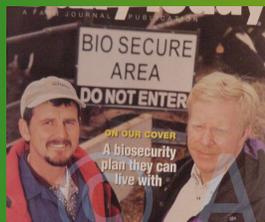


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