

# GAA SUPPORT OF THAI AQUACULTURE

History, Status, and Futurew

# Feeding the world through responsible aquaculture



Membership



MyGAA Online Community



GAA Academy



Annual GOAL Conference



GAA Films



The Advocate





# New GAA Home Office



Move to new Home Office,  
Portsmouth, NH, USA

Dr. Plodprasop helped found GAA





# How do we get there? Certification



**EVERY FISH HAS A TALE.  
OURS YOU CAN TRUST.**

The **Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP)** program is the most comprehensive, trusted and proven aquaculture certification program in the world. When you see the BAP label on a seafood product, it means that product originated from aquaculture facilities that were certified to the highest standards.

When you see a 4 star label, it means your seafood was BAP-certified all the way through the process.

**Four-Star Best Aquaculture Practice**  
Fresh Farm Raised Boneless Atlantic Salmon Fillets  
**8<sup>99</sup>** lb.

**12 Oz. Pkg.**  
Australis Aquaculture Barramundi Fillets  
**7<sup>99</sup>**

**48 Oz. Pkg. - Frozen**  
Hannaford Tilapia Fillets  
**9<sup>99</sup>**

**7.2 Oz. Pkg.**  
Love The Wild Striped Bass with Roasted Red Pepper Almond  
**10<sup>99</sup>**

Major retailers have established sustainability goals for 2020 -2025

# Market-driven certification

BAP market  
endorsers  
supporting  
four pillars of  
sustainability



# Food Safety

Assurance that no banned antibiotics or other chemicals are used and that all approved chemical treatments are carried out in a responsible fashion.

# Social Responsibility

Adherence to local laws & international norms for worker health & safety, fair labor practices and community empowerment.

# Environmental Responsibility


Compliance with standards that address important issues like habitat conservation, water quality and effluent control.

## Animal Health & Welfare

Best practices in animal husbandry, addressing issues such as disease control, stocking density & harvesting .

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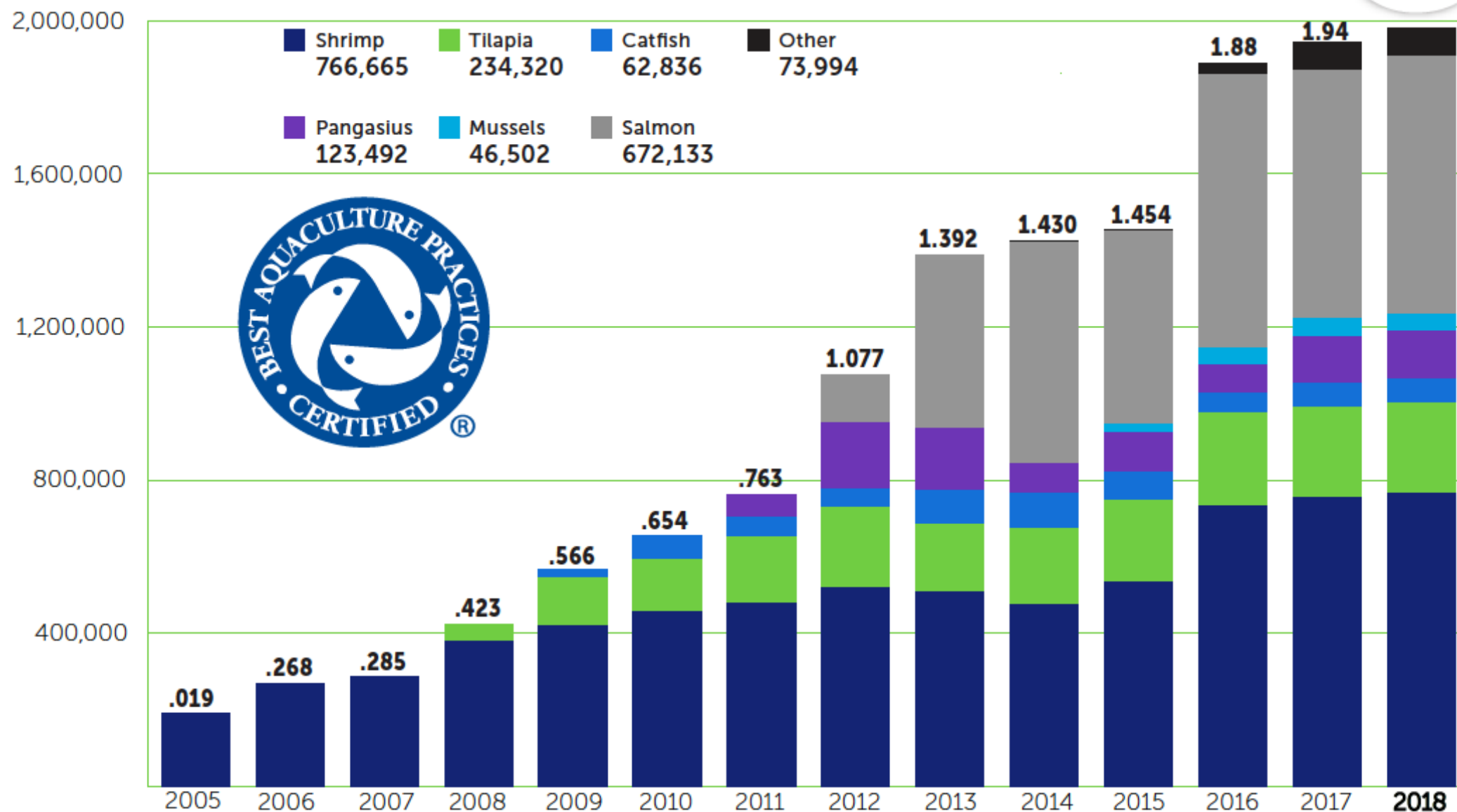


Principal Features			ASC	GlobalGAP	BRC
COMPREHENSIVE					
	All Encompassing Standard				
	Farm	■	■	■	
	Hatchery	■			
	Feed Mill	■			
	Processing Plant	■			■
	Issues Addressed				
	Environmental	■	■	■	
	Social	■	■	Add On	
	Food Safety	■		■	■
	Animal Welfare	■		■	
PROVEN					
	Third Party International Benchmarking				
	Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI)	■			
	Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)	■		■	■
	Global Social Compliance Programme (GSCP)	■			
TRUSTED					
	Only 100% Compliance Gains Certification/No Variances	■			Grades of Passes
	Supply Chain Transparency Technology	■			
	Robust Internal Program Integrity	■			
	Chain of Custody Verification	■	■	■	■
	Mass Balancing Verification	■	■	■	■
	Third Party Food Safety, Residue and Effluent Testing	■			
	Exclusively Seafood	■	■		

# Volume of Seafood from BAP-Certified Processing Plants

Millions of Metric Tons of Product (through January 2018)

**1.98**  
Million  
MetricTons





# Current Status: Seafood certification

- Gaps and Overlaps
  - Several groups certifying aquaculture farms and processing plants, but few are internationally benchmarked to GFSI, GSSI, and GSCP
  - Social issues on fishing vessels
  - Social and environmental issues in fishery processing plants



AP Investigation:  
Slaves may have  
caught the fish you  
bought

March 24, 2015

# Global Seafood Assurances to link farmed and wild

- Comprehensive Seafood Assurances to eliminate gaps and overlaps
- Consolidate and unify aquaculture and fishery standards under a common umbrella based on GFSI, GSSI, and GSCP benchmarks

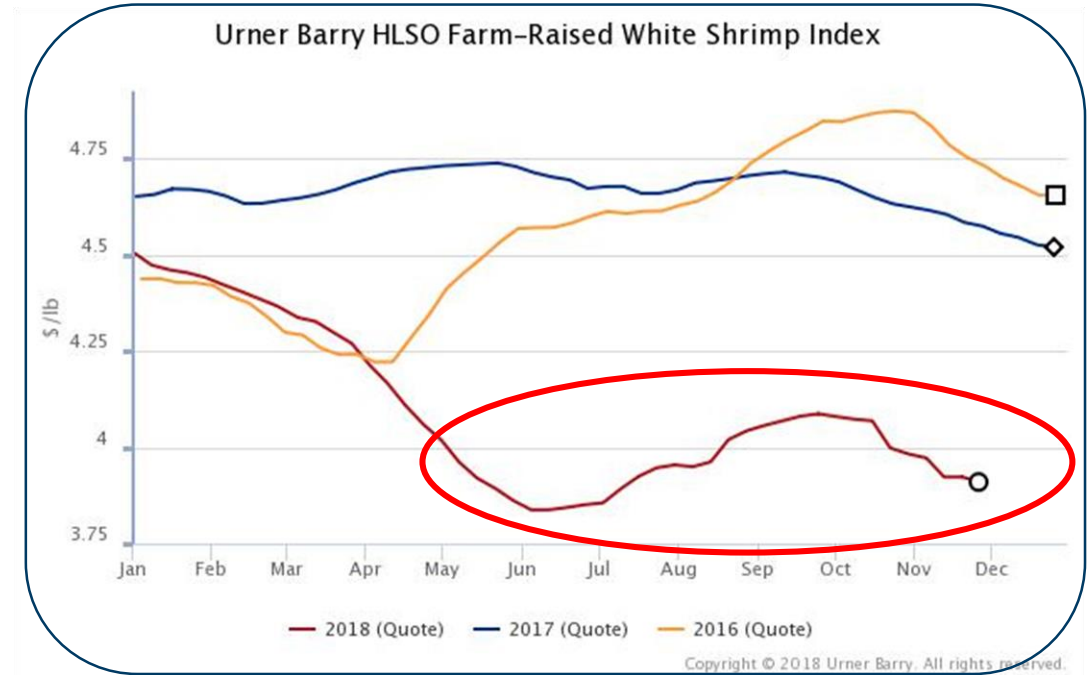
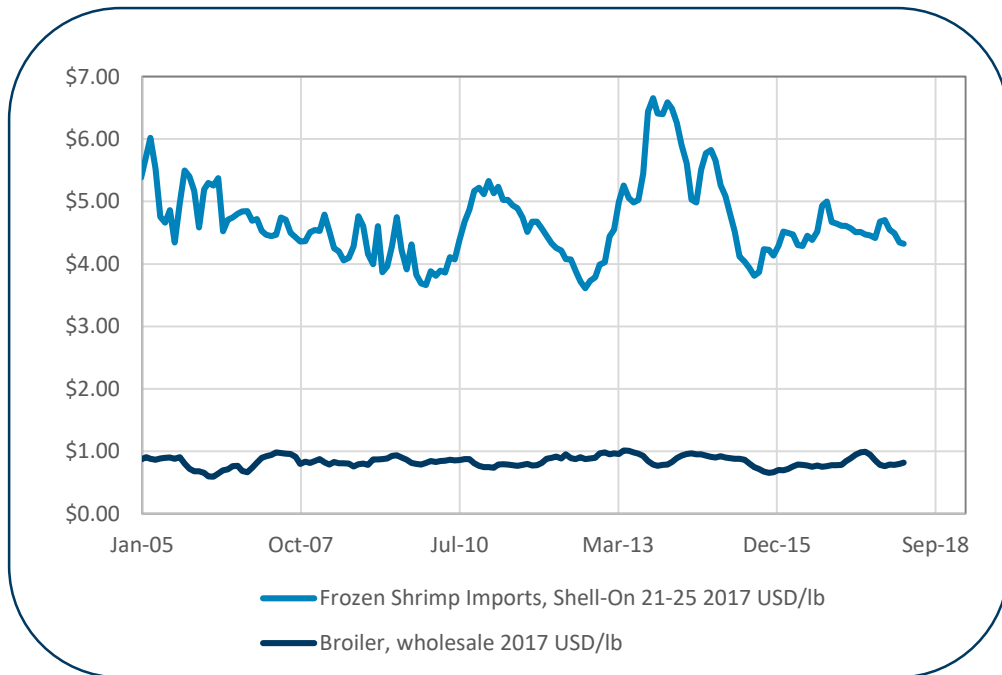


GSA Solution		Environ- mental	Social	Food Safety	Animal Welfare
Fisheries	Fishery	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Vessel	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ports	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquaculture	Hatchery	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Farm	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Feed Mill	✓	✓	✓	✓
Both	Processing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Comprehensive Seafood Assurances		✓	✓	✓	✓



# Current Status: Global Price volatility

- Production surges and outbreaks
- Little attention to marketing
- Fragmented, poor transparency; self-competing







# Shrimp Marketing Organizing Committee



# Conclusions

- GAA and Thai DOF have a long history of working together toward a more sustainable industry
- There are many new areas where we can continue to work on certification, market improvement, social issues on vessels, etc.