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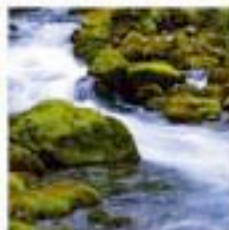
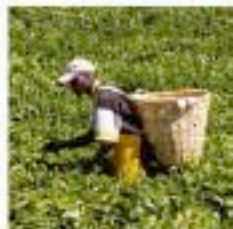
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Welcome to the world of GLOBALGAP and the first newsletter under our new name. It is less than 5 months since EurepGAP became GLOBALGAP and already everyone seems very at ease with using the new name. I think this is because EurepGAP had "grown-up" and was ready for its new branding which more closely reflects our wider role in harmonising and establishing GAP standards right across the globe.

The newsletter is intended to keep you informed and give a snapshot of the main news from GLOBALGAP in an easy to read form as well as where to find more information on Good Agricultural Practices. I hope you like it, please let us have your feedback and let me know what you would like to see in it in the future.

Nigel Garbutt
Chairman GLOBALGAP



Chairman, Nigel Garbutt, visiting small-scale shrimp farmers in Thailand



DID YOU KNOW?

● The GLOBALGAP Standard is available in the following languages:

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- French
- German
- Greek
- Italian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Thai
- Turkish

More translations are in progress e.g. Bulgarian, Czech, Hebrew, Hungarian, Serbian...

BOARD CHANGES

Steve Homer and Benito Orihuel have recently retired as GLOBALGAP Board members. The Board would like to thank them for the significant contributions which they have made to the Board deliberations over the last two years.



Chusak Chuenprayoth and Joan Mir Piqueras have been co-opted onto the Board as producer representatives until elections, which are to be held in late 2008.



REVISING THE STANDARD

As part of GLOBALGAP's commitment to continuous improvement the standard is revised every 3 years. 2010 is the date for the next version and consultation has already begun on how to improve the standard to reflect experience gained during certification, the

evolution of best practice and consumer demands.

GLOBALGAP has also revised its standard setting procedure to formalise opportunities for stakeholder consultation. The revised procedure can be found at:



www.globalgap.org
(The Standard Documents)

SMALL SCALE FARMER TASK FORCE

GLOBALGAP have established a Smallholder Task Force of experts to put forward proposals for the 2010 version of the GLOBALGAP standard. The task force will call for innovative proposals worldwide so that learning from implementation of GLOBALGAP in small scale farming can be taken into consideration. In particular the adaptation and interpretation of control points, group certification and training materials will be considered.

Progress of this group and chance to contribute will be via the GLOBALGAP Africa Observer and Smallholder Ambassador website: www.africa-observer.info

GLOBALGAP CONFERENCE



"Now you are Thinking Global: How to Act Local". In 2008 The GLOBALGAP Conference returns to Europe. Kristian Moeller Secretary of GLOBALGAP explains: "We want to continue our theme of GAP harmonisation which has featured at previous conferences but provide participants with more tools on how to do the job." A big part will be learning from the practical experiences gained in applying the standard in more than 80 countries.

The event will be very popular - So block the date now: 15-17 October, Cologne, Germany

ThaiGAP STARTS BENCHMARKING

ThaiGAP, which seeks to create standards for agricultural production in Thailand compatible with world standards and to develop the capacity of small growers to compete in international markets has begun the GLOBALGAP benchmarking process to join the family of GAP schemes with International buyer recognition. The main markets for Thai produce are China, Japan, Australia and the EU. ThaiGAP is a prime example of how GLOBALGAP principles can be adopted by applying regional and country specific interpretations to assist the many small scale farmers who are less than one hectare into improved market access.

The standard will also have a foundation level which Thai National retailers will support.

SHRIMP STANDARD

Shrimp aquaculture has received a lot of attention from the media and NGOs explains Mark Nijhal Chair of the shrimp working group. "We wanted a standard which would gain the confidence



of all the stakeholders so we have followed an in-depth consultation and trialling of the standard requirements."

The standard will be published in early February and has been adopted to be applied to small and large scale farms in the major producing countries of the world.

USA PARTNERS WITH GLOBALGAP

GLOBALGAP and the Safe Quality Food (SQF) Institute announced in November they are developing a combined audit checklist that

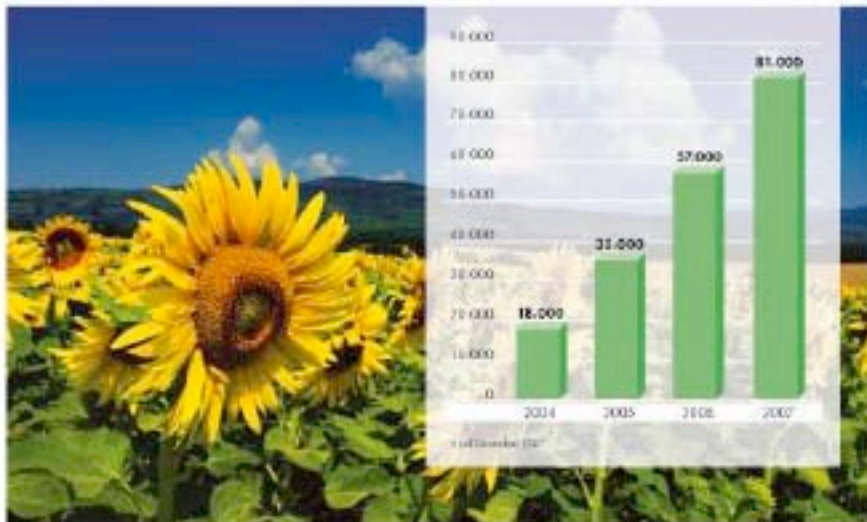
will facilitate a high degree of harmonisation between the GLOBALGAP and SQF 1000 on-farm standards.

Nigel Garbutt, GLOBALGAP Chairman, said "Our Board sees this as an important step forward that will enable a single audit to meet the requirements of both standards, leading to a simplification of requirements for suppliers as well as eliminating the costs associated with duplicate audits."

Tim Hammonds, President and CEO of the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), which oversees the Safe Quality Food (SQF) Institute, added, "Suppliers seeking SQF certification can now, at the same time, demonstrate they meet both the SQF and GLOBALGAP standards, saving time and money. This partnership will make it easier for suppliers to

CERTIFIED PRODUCERS

The number of GLOBALGAP certified producers is constantly growing.



- meet the needs of their customers around the world.”

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

GAP certification is an important part of the CSR policies of GLOBALGAP retailers and producers. They are working together on a business to business level with suppliers to develop worker health/safety and welfare as well as the means to protect and improve the environment.

The GRASP Project, a public-private partnership with Swiss retailer Coop and German

Technical Cooperation GTZ, has been GLOBALGAP assessing social aspects on farm level over 24 months. This project will help producers assess their performance with a self-assessment and external check. This will not be part of the GLOBALGAP certification but a voluntary assessment of which the producer can then report back to its customers. The tools developed by GRASP are complimentary to existing social audits as they raise awareness and improve risk assessment.

The project found that GLOBALGAP farms tended to have



higher standards of worker welfare than non-GLOBALGAP farms. The systematic approach to management has wide benefits. Download the full project report at:

 www.globalgap.org
(Resources-Publications)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Retailers:

Wegmans: United States

Suppliers:

K-Farm Sdn Bhd: China

FRoSTA AG: Germany

Fruits de Ponent SC.C.L: Spain

Jaguar, the Fresh Company:

Netherlands

Hillfresh International BV:

Netherlands

Associates:

Globalfish.net: Canada

Fish Protech Malaysia Sdn Bhd:

Malaysia

Tradecorp International: Spain

If you are interested in becoming a GLOBALGAP member and would like to know more about the benefits please contact Kerstin Uhlig: uhlig@globalgap.org

GLOBALGAP CERTIFICATES



Argentina, Australia, Austria

Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso

Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic

Denmark, Dominican Republic

Ecador, Egypt, Ethiopia

France

Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea

Honduras, Hungary

India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy

Jamaica, Japan, Jordan

Kenya

Latvia, Lithuania

Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Martinique, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco

Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway

Pakistan, Palestinian Territories, Panama, Philippines, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico

Romania

Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland

Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey

Ukraïne, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay

Venezuela, Vietnam

Zambia, Zimbabwe

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