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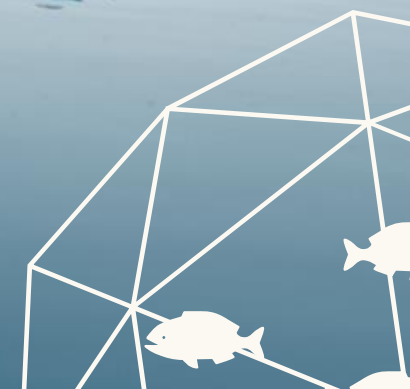
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Charting the GSA Development Journey: Contents, Structure, and the Path Ahead

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Timeline (1 of 4)



Timeline (2 of 4)

2019

Regional consultation for Africa on the development of the GSA

Document: [Report](#)

2020

Regional consultation for Asia on the development of the GSA

Document: [Report](#)

Regional consultation for Latin America on the development of the GSA

2021

Regional consultation for the Pacific and the Caribbean on the development of the GSA

Regional consultation for Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the development of the GSA

Regional consultation for Near East and North Africa on the development of the GSA

Document: [Report](#)

Regional consultation for Europe and North America on the development of the GSA

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Timeline (3 of 4)

2021

COFI 34th
Session

Recommendation:
provide guidance
for concrete
actions

FAO Secretariat
developed the
1st GSA draft

Second Expert
Consultation
on the
development
of the **GSA**

Outcome:
2nd GSA draft

Document:
[Report](#)

2022

COFI: AQ 11th
Session

Recommendation:
3-step process to
finalize the GSA

Documents:

- [Working Document](#)
- [Information Document](#)

COFI 35th Session
Endorsement of the
COFI: AQ 11th
Session
recommendation

FAO Secretariat
developed the **3rd GSA
draft** based of
COFI: AQ 11th Session
recommendations

Members provided
written inputs

Timeline (4 of 4)

2023

Task Force Meeting

Outcome:
recommendations to
finalize the draft

Document:
[News item](#)

FAO Secretariat
developed the 4th
GSA draft based of
Task Force
recommendations

Task Force revised
the 4th GSA draft

FAO Secretariat
developed the 5th
GSA draft

COFI:AQ 12th
Session
Outcome: Technical
approval of the 6th
GSA draft (final
version)
Documents:
• [Working Document](#)
• [Information](#)
[Document](#)
• [Report](#)

GSA: Structure

PREFACE

A – VISION, OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Vision and objectives
- Nature and scope
- Guiding principles

B – GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

- Governance and planning
- Sustainable resource use, ecosystem and farm management
- Social responsibility, decent work and gender
- Value chains, market access and trade

C – IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE GSA

- Mechanisms and services required to support sustainable aquaculture development
- Implementation arrangement and technical support
- Monitoring, data collecting, data analysing and reporting

ANNEX 1: DESCRIPTION OF KEY TERMS OF THE GSA

ANNEX 2: LIST OF KEY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES (FAO AND NON-FAO)

Source: [Report of the Twelfth Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture](#)

GSA: Objectives

- **Provide normative guidance** for the development and implementation of public policies, strategies, and plans and legal and institutional frameworks for sustainable aquaculture growth
- **Enhance the contribution of aquaculture** to global food security, nutrition and poverty eradication as well as societal wellbeing and economic development
- **Improve the socioeconomic situation** of communities depending on aquaculture for their livelihoods through decent work and economic growth
- **Contribute towards achieving the sustainable use**, responsible management, conservation and restoration of living aquatic resources, ecosystems and biodiversity consistent with the Code and other international instruments relevant to aquaculture, as well as climate change mitigation

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GSA: Nature and scope



NATURE



SCOPE



FOCUS



RECIPIENT



APPLICATION

GSA: Structure

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GSA: Governance and planning



POLICY FRAMEWORK

– accountability,
integration, transparency



INSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

– Competent authority,
coordination,
administrative processes



LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

– Legislation, governance
instruments, capacity
building



PLANNING

– spatial planning, area
management plans,
inclusive process

GSA: Sustainable resource use, ecosystem and farm management

Sustainable resources
and ecosystem
management

Integration of
aquaculture with
agriculture and other
sectors

Conservation of
aquatic biodiversity
and genetic resources

Sustainable seed
supply

Sustainable feed

Biosecurity and
animal welfare

Strategies to address
climate change,
natural disasters,
pollution and
pandemics

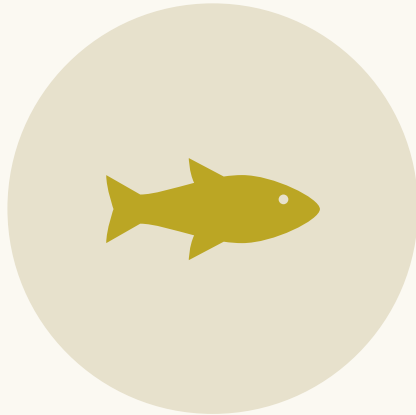
GSA: Social responsibility, decent work and gender equality

Social responsibility
and decent work

Youth empowerment

Gender equality and
women's empowerment
in aquaculture

GSA: Value chains, market access and trade



SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE VALUE
CHAINS



TRANSPARENT AND PREDICTABLE
MARKET REQUIREMENTS AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE



REDUCING AQUATIC FOOD LOSS
AND FOOD WASTE

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GSA: Implementation and monitoring



MECHANISMS AND SERVICES
REQUIRED TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE
AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT



IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENT
AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT



MONITORING, DATA COLLECTING,
DATA ANALYSING AND REPORTING

Webpage



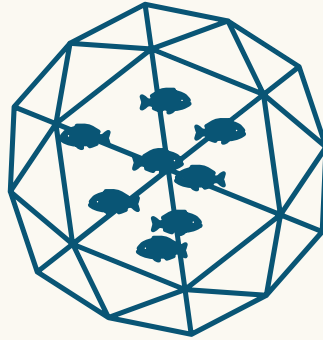
<https://www.fao.org/in-action/gsa/en/>



Next steps and way forward

- Submit the GSA to the next Session of COFI for adoption
- Raise awareness on the GSA
- Seek sources of funding to provide technical assistance and advice to Members in the implementation of the GSA (i.e., governance, planning, resource use, decent work, value chains, etc.)
- Evaluation of the GSA implementation and update the GSA six years after adoption by COFI





Thank you!

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