

MPEDA GUIDELINES FOR GREEN CERTIFICATION OF FRESHWATER

ORNAMENTAL FISHES

Green certification is the certification given to a product to ensure its environmental and socio-economic sustainability. It ensures product quality, safety and traceability. Keeping in line with these concepts, MPEDA, in association with UNCTAD and Project PIABA, Brazil organized an international workshop on Green certification of ornamental fishes in October 2008, which was the first of its kind in the sector.

A national task force under the chairmanship of eminent researcher, Dr. E. G. Silas, was constituted after the workshop to prepare the guidelines for green certification of freshwater ornamental fishes traded within and exported from India. Academicians, scientists, breeders and traders, who are well versed to the Ornamental Fish sector, were included in the task force team.

The guidelines prepared by them were circulated to various national and international organizations for their constructive comments and suggestions. The comments have been received from various national and international organizations were incorporated and the final guidelines were brought out during India's premier Aquaculture & Ornamental Fish Culture Event AQUA AQUARIA INDIA -2011 on 6th February 2011. The show also had a technical session on Green Certification.

Since then, MPEDA is popularizing the concept among the stakeholders and moving ahead with its implementation.