

Omarsa becomes first Ecuadorian supplier to gain four star BAP

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Omarsa has become the first Ecuadorian shrimp supplier to receive the highest achievement in the Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) third-party certification program, by earning the four-star BAP status.

It's also Latin America's second company qualified to offer four-star BAP shrimp.

Four-star BAP product originates from a BAP-certified processing plant, farm, hatchery and feed mill.

Omarsa became eligible to offer four-star BAP shrimp on confirmation that it sources feed from Inbalnor in Ecuador, and Vitapro in Peru, both of which attained BAP certification last year.

Omarsa's processing plant, two of its farms -- Cachugran and Puna -- and its hatchery, Mar Bravo, have been BAP certified since 2007.

"Having three-star BAP status for our processing plant, farms and hatchery was an achievement we celebrated years ago," said Sandro Coglitore, CEO of Omarsa.

"Having our entire aquaculture production chain BAP certified is a whole new level we can proudly announce to all of our customers. This next step shows our commitment to a sustainable production that includes environmental and social responsibility, food safety, animal welfare and traceability."

"We are so pleased to see Omarsa achieve four-star BAP certification," said Peter Redmond, BAP's vice president of market development.

"This is such a great indication to the marketplace of true leadership, commitment and doing the 'right thing,' not to mention the internal commitment of the company from top to bottom. It's real change on the water demonstrated by a long-time BAP supporter. We are proud of Omarsa's achievement."

At the end of February, 1,172 processing plants, farms, hatcheries and feed mills worldwide were BAP-certified.

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