



Omarsa first Ecuadorian company to scoop four-star BAP stamp

Four-star certification a 'whole new level,' top exec at shrimp supplier says.

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

The company became eligible to offer four-star BAP shrimp on confirmation it sources feed from Inbalnor S.A. in Ecuador and Vitapro S.A. 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.

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," said Sandro Coglitore, CEO of Omarsa.

Peter Redmond, VP of market development at BAP, called the step 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," he said.

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

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