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**BENEFITS OF THE ASC FARM STANDARD**

- improve consistency
- facilitate applicability
- ensure clarity
- enable addition of new species

The standard content will be harmonised when possible and applied to all farm UoC but some variation will be needed for different culture systems and some metric performance levels will vary by species.

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**Public Consultation (II): Q4 2019

**Launched Date: 2020 (anticipated)**

The ASC Farm Standard will continue to ensure that certified farms:

- ...minimise their impacts on the environment
- ...protect sensitive habitats and wildlife
- ...support local communities
- ...take good care of their employees
- ...ensure traceability and transparency

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