



Analysis of traceability in fishery and aquaculture products

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Abstract:

In recent years, food security has become a key issue in our society, for which a number of specific regulations have been developed in several countries and organizations have been set up to manage the problem. The issue of quality and safety is of increasing concern to both government organizations and consumers. Traceability could be defined in a simple way as a tool that allows knowing the history of a given food and facilitating the withdrawal of the market for later management of the diversion. In the case of the fishing chain, it is a tool to identify unreported illegal unregulated fishing and also allows the organization of small-scale fisheries, which implies better management and management of fishery resources in order to guarantee Sustainability. On the other hand, having a reliable traceability system, among many of the advantages it has, allows access to the most demanding markets (consumer confidence), and to have information immediately that is related to the control and the Management of control actions by governments. The implementation of traceability programs ensures the possibility of product identification and a great number of advantages, but it implies a cost of development and implementation. In this line of analysis, a question arises as to the extent to which the implementation of traceability programs adds value to fishery and aquaculture products and whether the cost compensates for its implementation. Although the implementation of a traceability system has many advantages, it does not guarantee 100% of the safety and presents numerous problems at the time of its application, many times the computer systems are not compatible along the chain, there are many actors. In the chain of transformation and commercialization, lack of collaboration, sites for the collection of information do not have the adequate infrastructure, ignorance of technology, and probably many limitations.



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