

ANIMAL WELFARE THREATS IN AQUACULTURE

RECOMMENDATION

Water Quality

High Stocking Density + Inefficient Feeding = Toxic Wastewater in Aquaculture Farms

Species-appropriate stocking density and optimal feeding

Biosecurity



Escapes by Non-native fish from Aquaculture Farms = competition for food and potential displacement of native fish.

Put mechanisms in place to prevent this, e.g. Double-Netting



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Disease Control



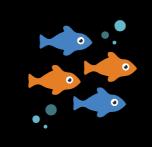
Poor Health + Poor Nutrition + Poor Rearing Conditions = Disease Outbreaks in Aquaculture Farms Staff training on best welfare practices
Appropriate medical interventions
Appropriate stocking densities and feeding

Antimicrobial Resistance



Unregulated frequent use of Antibiotics = Antimicrobial Resistance Identify and treat isolated cases before they spread
Vaccinations to be administered by veterinarians or trained
animal health professionals

Feed Composition



Proper Feeding + Adequate Quantities of Feed = Good Aquatic Animal Welfare Improved feed
composition through
research and innovation
Provide appropriate
feed formulations in
appropriate amounts

Food Security



High Aquatic Animal Welfare = Reduced Disease & Mortality + A More Food-Secure Future Promote local no-catch marine reserves to allow fish populations to recover and serve as a source of protein for local communities

Food Safety



High Aquatic Animal Welfare = Fish Product Safety and Quality for Consumers Provision of a high welfare environment that is species and life stage-appropriate for aquatic animals

Ecosystem Health



Lack of Welfare Considerations in Aquaculture = Negative Impacts on Ecosystem's Health Species-appropriate
welfare considerations in
offshore aquaculture
Provide appropriate feed
reduce the probability of
predators, escapes and
wastewater spillage.



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