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# Educating and training farmers on good welfare practices to elevate the aquaculture industry

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Positive food  
systems for

people,  
animals and  
the planet.







## The Food Animal Initiative (FAI) was founded in 2001 on the Oxford University estate

A multidisciplinary team of scientists, veterinarians, auditors, software developers, data analysts, consultants and farmers.



Some of our clients





# Four Step Journey

## Scope

1

- Species
- Issues (Welfare +)
- Geographies
- Product category

## Standards gap Assessment

2

- Identify reference standards (BBFAW, FAIRR, Certifications, legislation)
- Identify existing company standards/policy
- Benchmark practice against minimum and aspirational standards
- Benchmark competitor landscape

3

- Write and agree policy and commitment
- Support stakeholder commitment

## Policy and Commitments

4

- Dedicated application for effective supply chain data management
- Data collection and analysis

## Collection and Analysis



The here and now

The Business Benchmark on  
Farm Animal Welfare Report 2021

# Market driven animal welfare

## Citizens

There is evidence that citizens' concerns about the welfare of farm animals is not a short-term effect but a growing megatrend.

## BBFAW

Annual ranking and benchmarking of corporate animal welfare policies and outcomes for consumers, investors, NGOs and other stakeholders The standard text area has five predefined type levels.

## FAIRR Protein Index

Fastest growing ESG investor network representing over \$70 trillion focused on shareholder engagement and indexing of global protein producers. Key issues include animal welfare, antibiotic resistance, animal welfare and climate impact..

## Legislation

EU, UK, New Zealand and Australia passing legislation that recognises sentience and strengthens protections for animals

Member AUM  
\$70 trillion

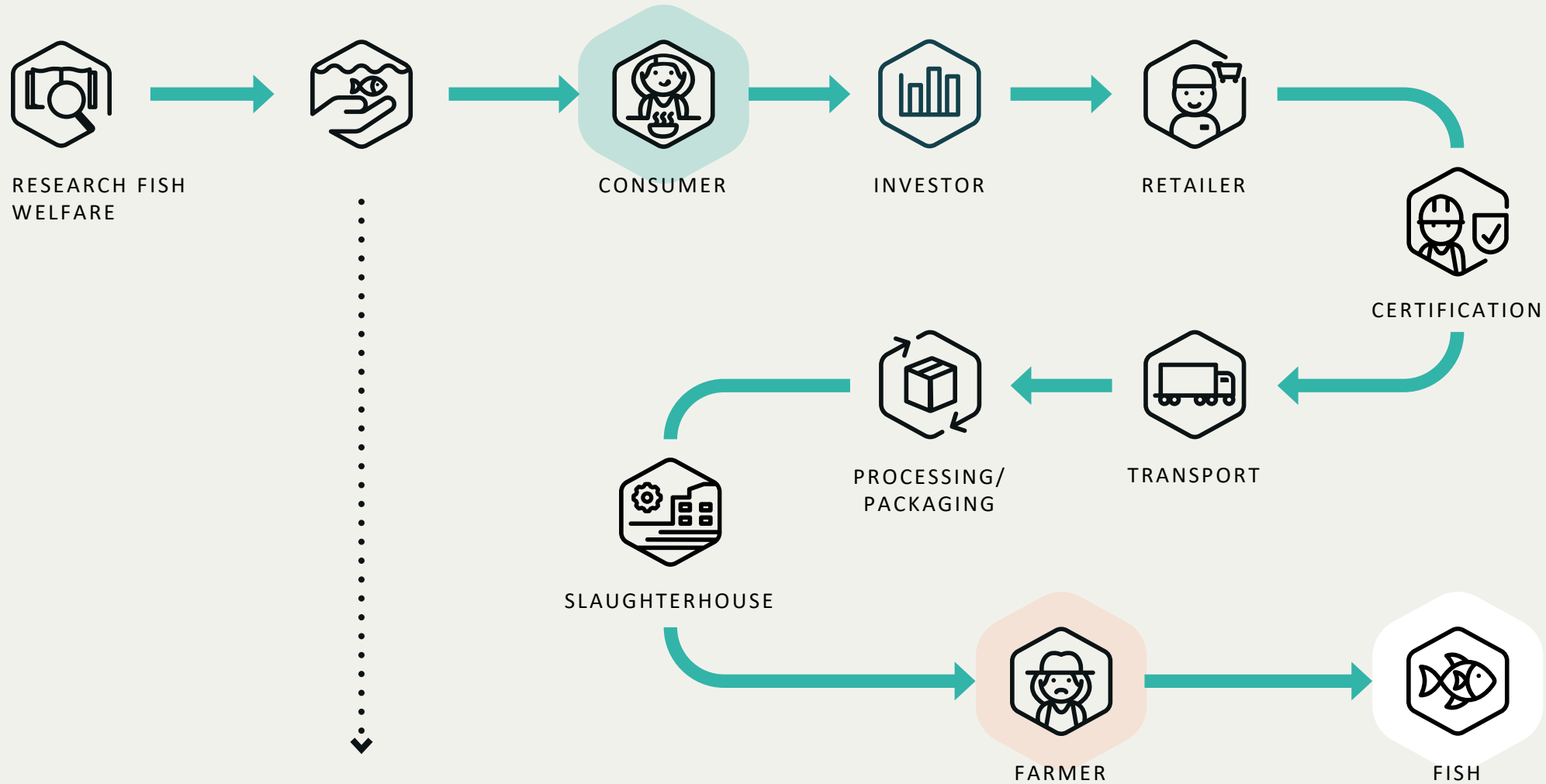
**FAIRR**  
A COLLIER INITIATIVE

The world's fastest-growing investor network  
focusing on ESG risks in the global food sector

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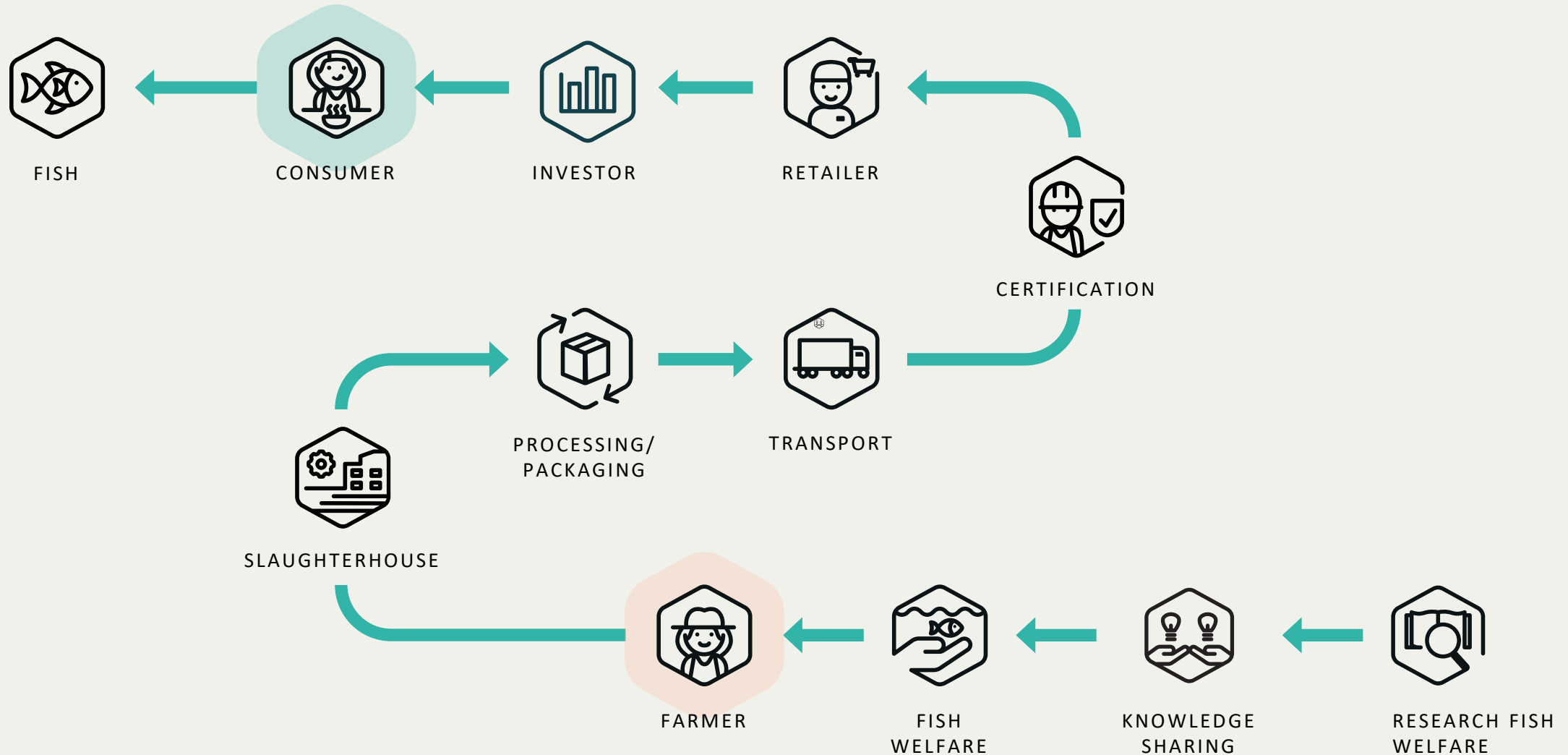
# Animal Welfare Top Down Story

Telling farmers how to farm and enforcing it through pressure, regulations, certifications and third-party audits



# FAI Fish Welfare Bottom Up Story

Starts by making scientific knowledge accessible to small-scale farmers through welfare assessments, training and business improvement tools.







Created Welfare  
**Assessment Protocol**

We are unlocking the latest science and putting it at the service of farmers through:

- Assessment protocols (tilapia, shrimp and carp)
- Assessment app
- Training courses in Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Chinese, and English.





10,000 articles reviewed

On-farm tested and validated

Welfare science in practice

Health	Environment	Behaviour	Nutrition
Eyes Jaws, Operculum Skin Fins Gills Spine Ectoparasite Mortality	Temperature, pH D.O. Alkalinity NH4 and NH3 Transparency Predators Interspecific species,	Respiratory Frequency Swimming Foraging behaviour Response to air and light Loss of consciousness	Amount of Feed Condition Factor (K) Protein level Feed Conversion ratio

Define good, moderate and poor welfare (3 point score)

Empowers farmers to improve

3<sup>rd</sup> edition just published

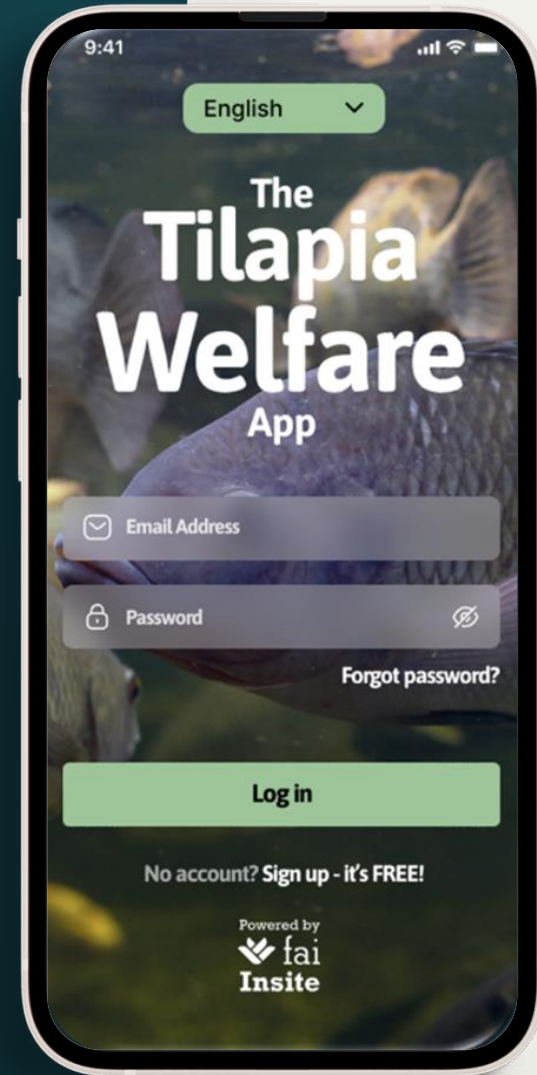




Assessment tool

Multi-language

From breeding to slaughter



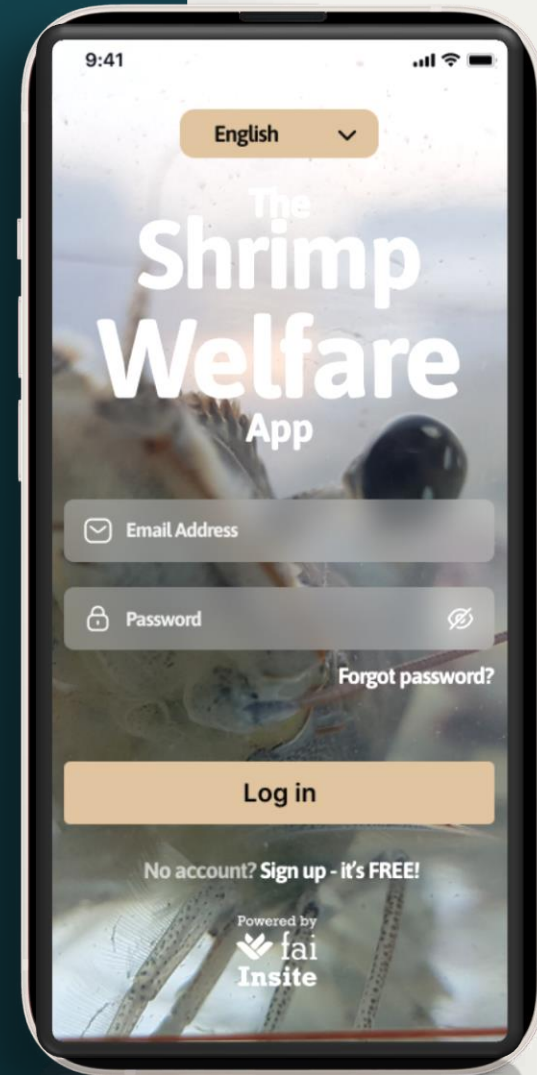


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Coming in 2024

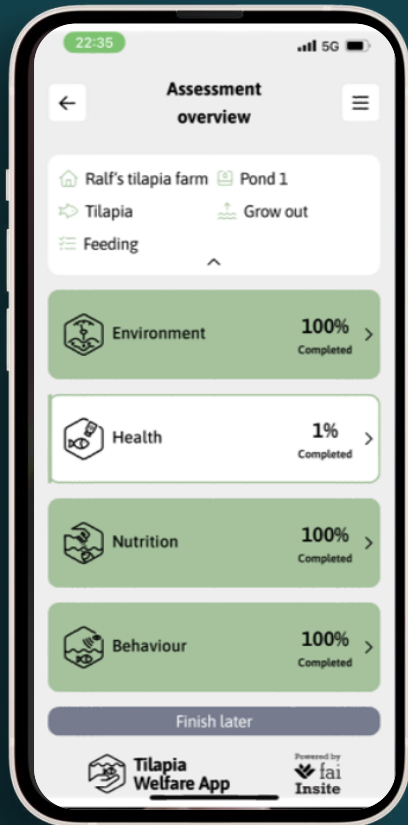






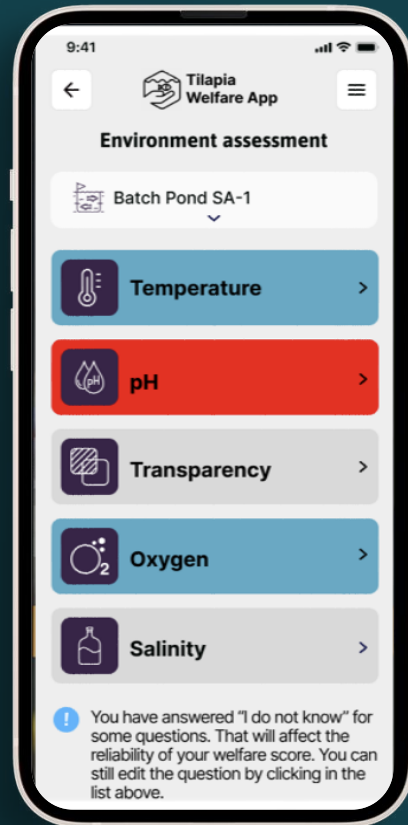
# Lifecycle

Indicators recorded in four assessment categories



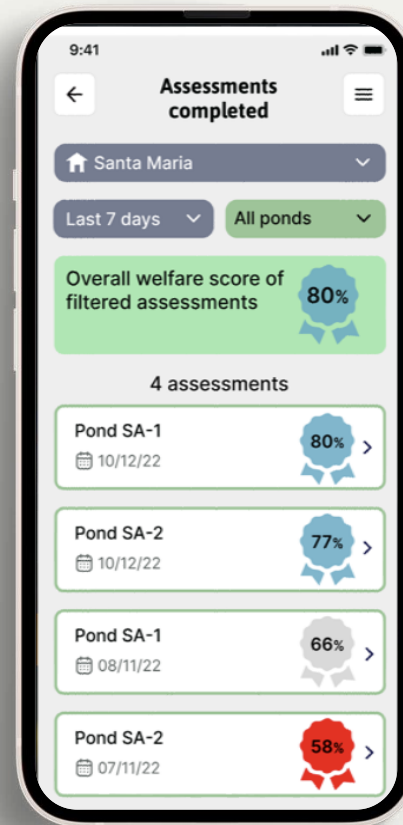
# Report

Dive in to understand performance per indicator



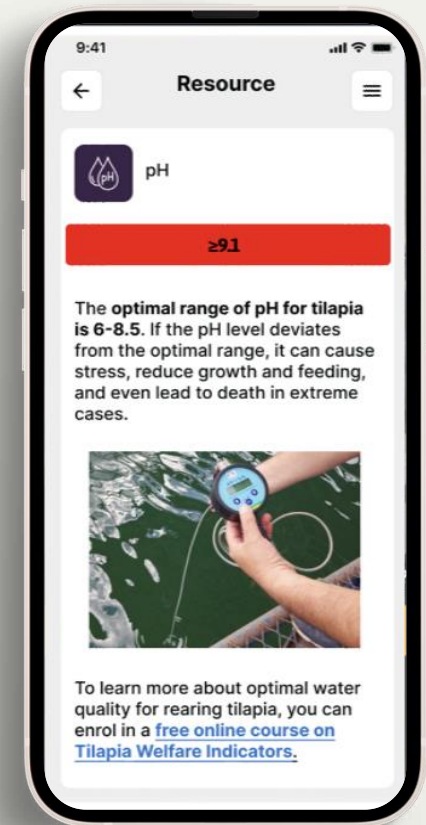
# Score

Instant scoring based on 3 point scale.



# Learn

Feedback and link to relevant articles and training courses





Welfare is equal to good aquaculture practices. FAI's assessment is done as part of our farm routine.



**Emerson Esteves**

Owner  
Global Peixes

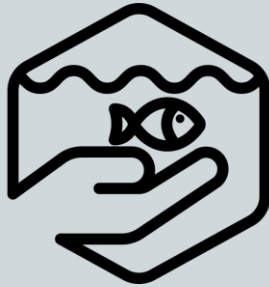
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# Courses:

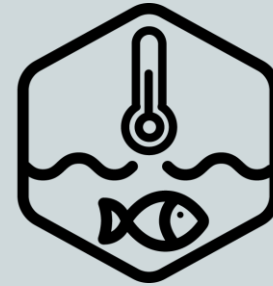
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Shrimp  
Tilapia  
Carp



**Fish  
welfare**



**Environment &  
welfare**



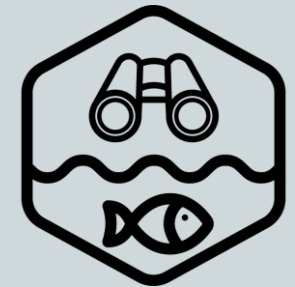
**Health &  
welfare**



**Welfare  
indicators**

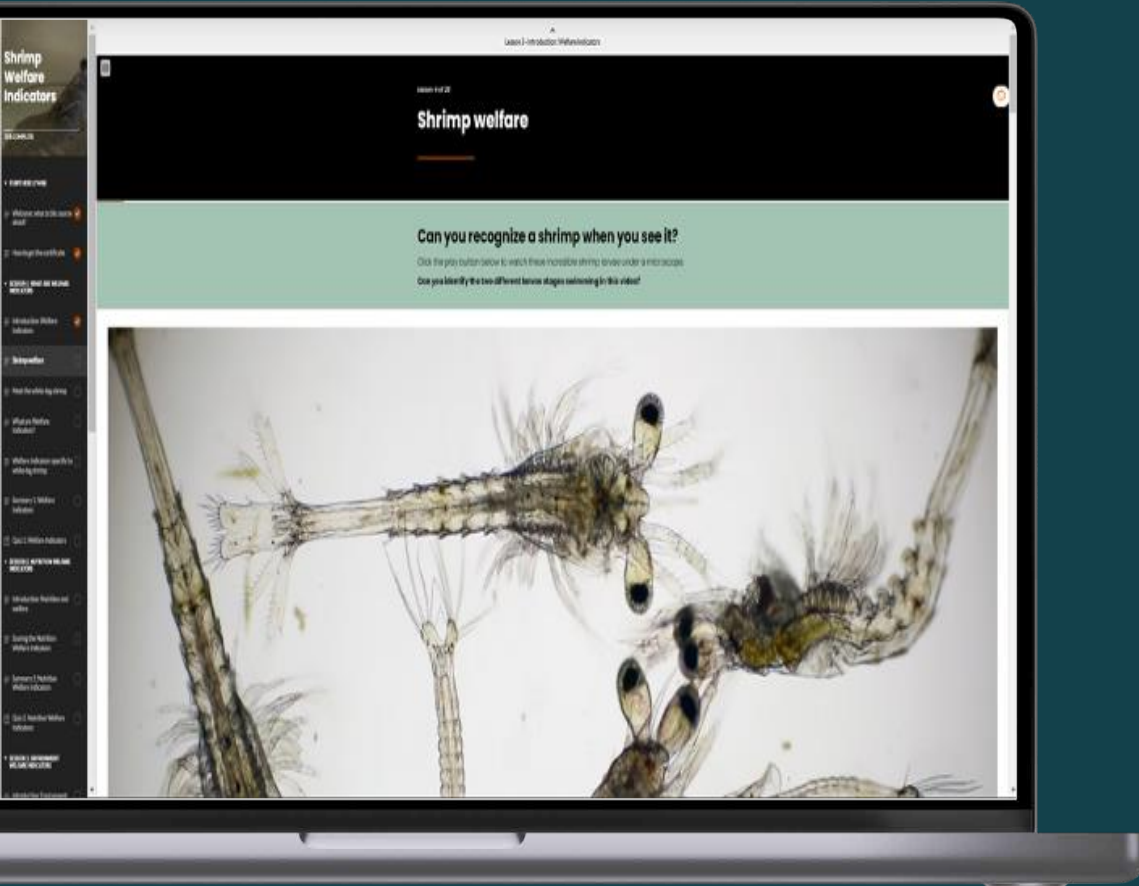


**Nutrition &  
welfare**



**Behaviour &  
welfare**





### Assessment

Training tailored to the four assessment categories



### Applied

Practical training for farmers, technicians, managers, vets



### Interactive

Using best practice elearning pedagogy



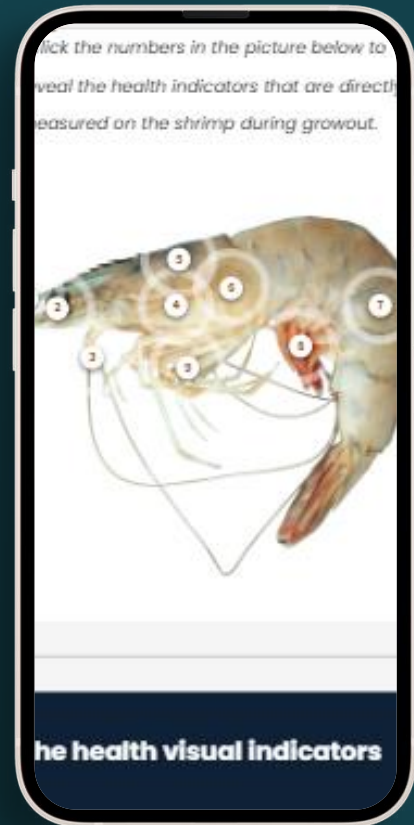
### Impactful

97% of learners report that using fish welfare indicators is an effective way to improve productivity





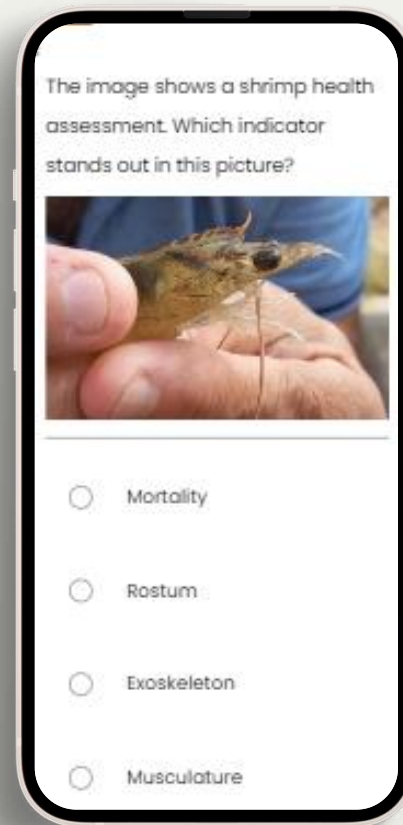
## Health indicators



## Good use of diagrams



## Knowledge testing

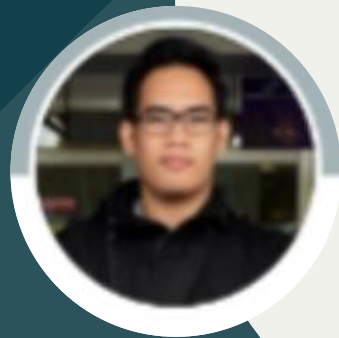


## Visual examples





These training modules make complex things easy to understand. It was enlightening for me and I shared it with my team.



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Veterinarian  
Regal Springs Indonesia

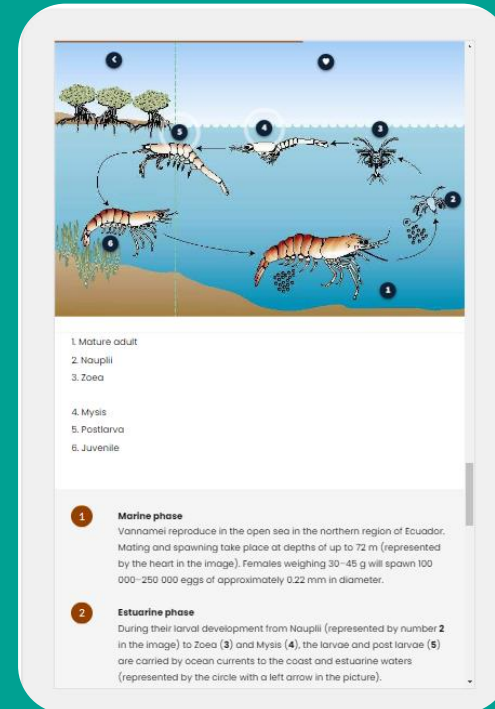
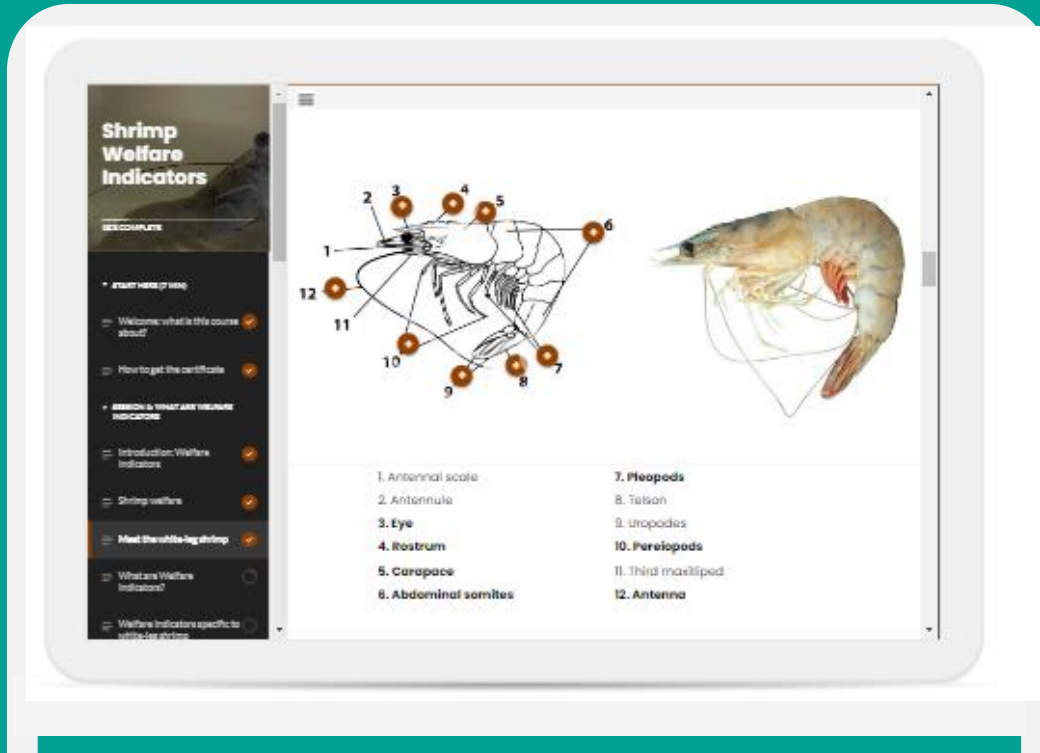
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Very visual and generally, lots of diagrams and photos. The progressive structure of the course was well realised.



Shrimp Welfare Indicators  
Feedback from farmer







I recommend the FAI courses to all my students to gain real-world applicable knowledge before they graduate.

Find free courses on:



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# THANK YOU! WE LOVE QUESTIONS!



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