

**DECLARATION OF CONCERN ON
SHRIMP AQUACULTURE CERTIFICATION
Bangkok 25-27 September 2006**

Representatives of community-based organizations and NGOs from the tropical coastal zone of America, Asia and Africa, and other NGOs participating at the “Shrimp Farming Certification Meeting” in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 25-27, 2006 at the invitation of IUCN National Committee for the Netherlands, Oxfam/Novib, Environmental Justice Foundation and Mangrove Action Project, sign the present Declaration:

We thank the sponsors of this event for giving us the opportunity to express our opinions about the certification of shrimp farming, and we congratulate them for their interest in seeking adequate measures to control the negative impacts caused by the shrimp aquaculture industry.

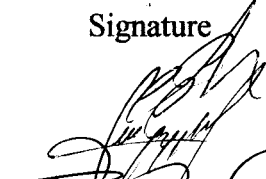

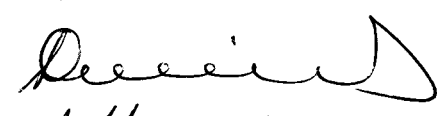

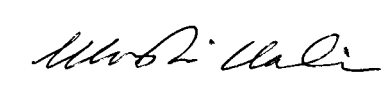
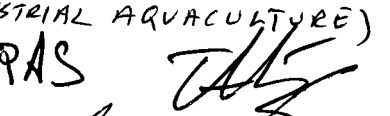


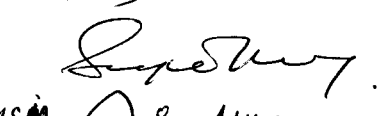
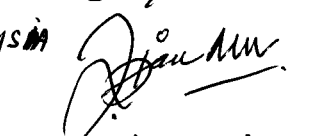
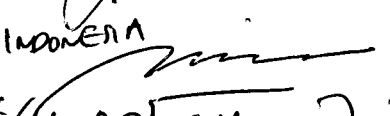
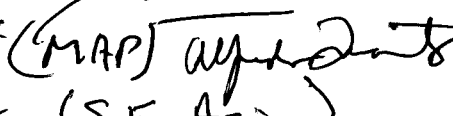

We believe that current certification schemes will not help to address the massive environmental and severe social impacts caused by the shrimp industry in many of our communities. These certification schemes may in fact legitimize past and current injustices and even lead to further expansion. They cannot also address the very high level of shrimp consumption in Northern countries. Certification initiatives developed so far have not provided space for local communities and NGOs’ participation. We therefore reject all the certification initiatives developed so far and those currently under development.

We demand a moratorium to all such aquaculture certification schemes and we call for the establishment of a consultative process, with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, to determine the basis on which a socially equitable and ecologically sound aquaculture activity can be built. Such a consultative process will allow us to properly evaluate the different certification schemes and to propose a way forward.

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