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First abalone Aquaculture Stewardship Certification achieved in China

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The 9th Chinese Abalone Industrial Development Symposium was held by the Abalone Association of the CAPPMA on 20 – 21 September 2019. At the Symposium, Fujian China-Singapore Evervest Co. Ltd (FCSE), China's largest abalone producer, became the first in the country to achieve certification of the ASC (Aquaculture Stewardship Council).

Based in Lianjiang County of Fujian Province, FCSE and its abalone brand 'Datan Abalone' (See Image 1) is farmed in Datan Island, in the East Sea. The company owns the complete supply chain of abalone from breeding, farming, processing to selling.



Image 1: FCSE ASC-certified abalone

The sea of Datan Island is well known to enjoy clean water, sufficient dissolved oxygen, moderate salinity and has an abundance of natural algae (See Image 2).



Image 2: FCSE ASC-certified abalone farm

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FCSE was also the first farm in China to introduce the wave-resistant plastic raft replacing the traditional styrofoam raft. As a result, the company has reduced styrofoam waste and pollution and has enhanced safety.

FCSE has collaborated with Shanghai Ocean University on developing abalone health and aquaculture quality traceability system, which focuses on monitoring a range of factors such as drug residues, feeding, sea environment, and water quality change.

According to Mr WU Yongshou, Chair of FCSE, the company wishes to change its traditional extensive aquaculture methods, and replace it with advanced and standard farming methods, to produce high-quality and safe abalone products, including the traceability system for the market to enhance sustainable development (See Image 3).



Image 3: Label in red identifying FCSE's traceability system

Mr YOU Weiwei, Secretary General of the Abalone Association of the China Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Alliance (CAPPMA), said that China is facilitating the organic development of aquaculture, in which abalone is a typical representative species. The first abalone ASC achieved by the Chinese company will enhance the competitiveness and product creditability of Chinese abalone, and provide the international community with Chinese experiences in responsible aquaculture.”

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