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RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

A – BASIC INFORMATION

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B – COMMENT RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBER

Regarding the progress on the GSA, the importance of biosecurity and food safety cannot be overemphasized and we recommend that during the revision of the GSA document, they be given sufficient attention as they are major challenges that will affect aquaculture sustainability.

We have seen the negative impacts of losses due to diseases not only in terms of production and market but as well as food supply, livelihoods especially of small-scale holders, and export earning; as well as potential impacts on biodiversity which may be irreversible.

Thailand have experienced many disease outbreaks. A comprehensive and holistic approach is needed to deal with diseases of aquatic species, not only at the farm and national levels but also regional and international levels due to the transboundary nature of aquatic diseases that can be moved from one country to another; one region to another alongside with movement of aquatic hosts. At the farm level a new thinking looking at the disease risks along whole value chain should be considered.