



Naturland Verband

Website: <http://www.naturland.de/>

Based in: Germany

Type: Organic Standard Setting Body; **NGO/Nonprofit**

Certification process: Producers complete questionnaires, which are followed by a pre-evaluation visit and, upon agreement, an inspection will be carried out by independent inspection bodies that will ultimately make a report and recommendation to Naturland. A Naturland certification committee then makes the final decision on certification.

From the Naturland website: “In the mid-Nineties, Naturland started to develop standards for Organic Aquaculture. Today, aquafarms in more than twenty countries are producing according to these standards.” And “**Naturland’s** farmers and processors work to the highest organic standards, which are even more stringent than those of the German national eco label, Bio-Siegel.”

What they certify:

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| • Produce | Beekeeping (honey) | Aquaculture Products |
| • Wine | Cosmetics | Livestock |
| • Ornamental plants | Textiles | Forests |

Certifying aquaculture products since: unknown

Aquaculture standards overview:

Naturland emphasizes social and fish welfare in its standards.

- **Therapeutants:** medicines may only be used upon veterinarian advice; nonchemical methods of prevention and treatment preferred
- **Water Quality:** few instructions given; quality must match species’ “natural requirements”
- **Antifoulants:** may only use management practices that have proven to be harmless to surrounding **Environment/species**
- **Feed:** feed cannot be from conventionally raised animals; minimize fish meal and oil requirements by using vegetable proteins

- **Hormones & Growth Stimulants:** routine use of hormones not permitted; artificial lighting only to extent day length (up to 16 hours)
- **Stocking Density:** species must be able to behave in a natural way

Miscellaneous information: Naturland has also set standards for Sustainable Capture Fisheries and Social Responsibility.