

Interpretation Question:

Can the 2 audits as an acting team leader, described in A.3.2.b.i of Table 3 in CAR v1.01, be ASC farm audits or must they be seaweed audits?

Requirements

ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Certification and Accreditation Requirements v1.01

Table A.3 – Team Leader qualifications and competencies

A.3 In addition to the requirements for the overall team in Table A.1 and individual auditor and technical expert in Table A.2, team leaders shall possess the following qualifications and competencies:

Qualification/competency	Requirement
A3.2 Audit experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b. For audits involving farmed seaweed only (production categories Bii and Cii in Table 2 of the Standard), the individual shall have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Undertaken at least 2 satisfactory audits as an acting audit team leader, shadowed by and under the supervision of a competent team leader.

Response:

For audits involving farmed seaweed only, ASC farm audits are considered equivalent to the ASC-MSC seaweed audits for this specific requirement. Auditors who have undertaken at least 2 satisfactory ASC farm audits as an acting audit team leader, shadowed by and under the supervision of a competent team leader, are considered to have met this requirement (A3.2.b.i of Table A.3).