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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- identified the specific characteristics and needs of fish
- provided basic care for a minimum of one marine fish, including:
 - demonstrating appropriate safe handling techniques
 - preparing and providing food
 - assisting with housing care needs
 - maintaining feed and treatment records.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- anatomical structures and physiological features used to identify and classify commonly available marine fish
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for marine fish
- housing and environmental factors related to fish wellbeing
- indicators of poor water quality, including:
 - colour
 - odour
 - unsuitable water chemistry parameters
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in marine fish
- signs of distressed fish, including:
 - any change in normal behaviour, including swimming patterns
 - discolouration
 - erratic swimming patterns

- fins clamped against body
- floating
- hiding
- immobility
- presence of external disease organisms
- subdued or aggressive behaviour
- enrichment activities
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing
- safe marine fish handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures
- the principles of animal welfare
- types of food and food supplements and their role in marine fish diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species
- types of information that is reported and recorded in fish care workplaces
- state/territory legislation and codes of practice related to marine fish, biosecurity, WHS and animal welfare.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a real, live marine fish
 - equipment and resources typically available in a fish care environment
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>