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Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop and implement a breeding strategy. It includes the ability to determine breeding objectives, establish a broodstock or progeny selection criteria and assess the effectiveness of the program.

This unit applies to individuals who have responsibility for the technical and management requirements of the breeding facility and program for an aquaculture workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Aquaculture (AQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Determine breeding objectives	1.1 Determine breeding strategy requirements in consideration of capacity of facility, relevant characteristics of cultured or held stock, and marketing and production plans 1.2 Interpret and use breeding and production records as the basis for breeding strategy

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	1.3 Assess economic feasibility of breeding objectives 1.4 Determine selection aims or goals according to workplace or customer requirements
2. Determine and apply selection criteria	2.1 Determine visual and objective methods of good stock selection 2.2 Establish criteria for female and male selection 2.3 Cull broodstock that fail to meet selection 2.4 Identify broodstock and genetic material and send samples for analysis by external laboratory, in line with workplace practices 2.5 Assess genetic and disease implications from results received
3. Manage the breeding program	3.1 Manage breeding facilities to meet veterinary guidelines and broodstock requirements 3.2 Implement broodstock maturation or spawning treatments according to workplace procedures 3.3 Determine fertilisation and progeny rearing strategy according to breeding objectives 3.4 Identify stock for sale according to breeding strategy and legislative and permit requirements 3.5 Select replacement broodstock according to breeding strategy
4. Review the breeding program	4.1 Research mechanisation or automation of process or activity, including the use of specialised contract services, and make recommendations to management 4.2 Analyse data from stock selection and sales to evaluate success of breeding program against breeding strategy and objectives 4.3 Update breeding plan to detail procedures for changes in breeding objectives 4.4 Inform personnel on implementation of breeding plan

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	- Researches and analyses technical information from a range of sources - Interprets laboratory reports and workplace documentation
Writing	- Records and compiles accurate and detailed stock records - Documents reports and plans using clear language and agreed formats
Numeracy	- Analyses statistical breeding data and laboratory reports - Calculates percentage per proportion of sexes used, and traits passed on to progeny - Analyses financial information and trends in sales
Oral communication	Participates in verbal exchanges to convey and explain information clearly using language appropriate for the audience
Navigate the world of work	Works independently and collectively within broad parameters taking responsibility for plans, decisions and outcomes relating to breeding stock
Interact with others	Selects and uses appropriate communication protocols and conventions when seeking or sharing information with others
Get the work done	- Uses systematic, analytical processes to identify and solve problems and make decisions relating to stock breeding program - Uses workplace digital systems and tools to access, organise and analyse information relevant to stock breeding program

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFIAQU502 Develop and implement an aquaculture breeding strategy	SFIAQUA502C Develop and implement an aquaculture breeding strategy	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Amendments to elements and performance criteria for clarity	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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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 developed and implemented an aquaculture breeding strategy on at least one occasion, including:

- establishing the breeding objectives based on a review of facility records and plans
- designing, trialling and documenting breeding programs, including:
 - selecting desired traits and genetic material
 - selecting suitable female and male broodstock
- developing a plan to implement the program
- assessing effectiveness of strategy
- reporting outcomes to a range of personnel.

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:

- assessment criteria to determine the effectiveness of breeding processes
- basic principles of genetics relevant to breeding program
- breeding and lifecycle biology of cultured or held stock
- breeding strategy, techniques and programs that maximise genetic gain
- economic assessment techniques of production characteristics
- genetic development in stock
- risks associated with breeding program
- options for mechanisation or automation of process or activity
- options for use of specialised contract services.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an aquaculture workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - broodstock handling facility
 - broodstock and genetic material
 - technology for researching, recording and documenting information
- specifications:
 - data relating to breeding program
- relationships:
 - evidence of interactions with senior personnel.

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

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