

# Comparison Report: FAP Version 3 vs FAP Version 2

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## **1. Structural Changes**

Section-based organization used in FAP Version 2 has been removed in Version 3. FAP Version 3 follows the flow of the MarinTrust V3 Standard more clearly: starting with Management and Enforcement, then Species Management, and then Ecosystem Impacts. Action Codes (e.g., M2(x), B1(x)) were introduced in Version 3 to directly link each task to specific MarinTrust modules or themes, making it easier to track and understand the purpose of each action.

## **2. Species Requirement Restructuring**

In Version 2, data collection, stock assessment, and Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) development were handled separately. In Version 3, all scientific data collection, stock assessment, FMP development, and Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) are grouped together under Species Requirements (B1 module), providing a more structured and sequential flow aligned with stock management best practices. Species grouping was refined based on outputs from Version 2 reports and MRAG species distribution cross-checks, consolidating into five key ecological groups for efficiency.

## **3. Ecosystem Modules**

In FAP Version 2: Habitat impacts were assessed as low-risk, and thus no specific habitat management actions were planned. In FAP Version 3: A dedicated Habitat module (E2) was added because the fishery failed new MarinTrust V3 habitat clauses. New tasks (E2(1)–E2(3)) were developed to assess gear-seafloor interactions and propose mitigation if significant risks are found. Broader ecosystem impacts (E3) were also strengthened to require ecosystem risk assessment and potential precautionary management measures.

## **4. Social Responsibility**

In Version 2: Only basic collection of written human rights commitments from vessel owners and factories was planned. In Version 3: To meet the higher bar of MarinTrust V3, a new social task (S1(1)) was added. This includes not only written commitments but also the establishment of a grievance mechanism for fishers and the delivery of awareness-raising activities at landing sites.

## **5. Surveillance, Control, and Enforcement (M2) Strengthening**

M2 tasks were expanded and refined to reflect MarinTrust V3's stronger emphasis on traceability and compliance. Key updates include: Developing a Fishing Activity Recording System instead of a traditional logbook, considering the limited literacy among purse seine vessel operators, and establishing a Stakeholder Monitoring Group to review MCS system effectiveness biannually.

## **6. Task Expansion Driven by MarinTrust V3**

Several new tasks were added specifically in response to the higher expectations under MarinTrust Version 3. These include: Habitat risk assessments and mitigation planning (E2 series), Ecosystem Risk Assessment (E3 series), Grievance mechanism and social monitoring (S1 series), and strengthening fishery-level compliance documentation and fisher engagement (M2.6–M2.8).

### **In Short:**

FAP Version 3 represents a more structured, sequential, and comprehensive plan compared to Version 2, directly addressing the higher sustainability, ecosystem, and social responsibility expectations of MarinTrust V3. The design emphasizes early stakeholder engagement, parallel progress of data collection and management planning, and practical recording systems adapted to real fishery conditions.