

Assessing the Breadth & Depth of Shrimp Aquaculture Certification Schemes

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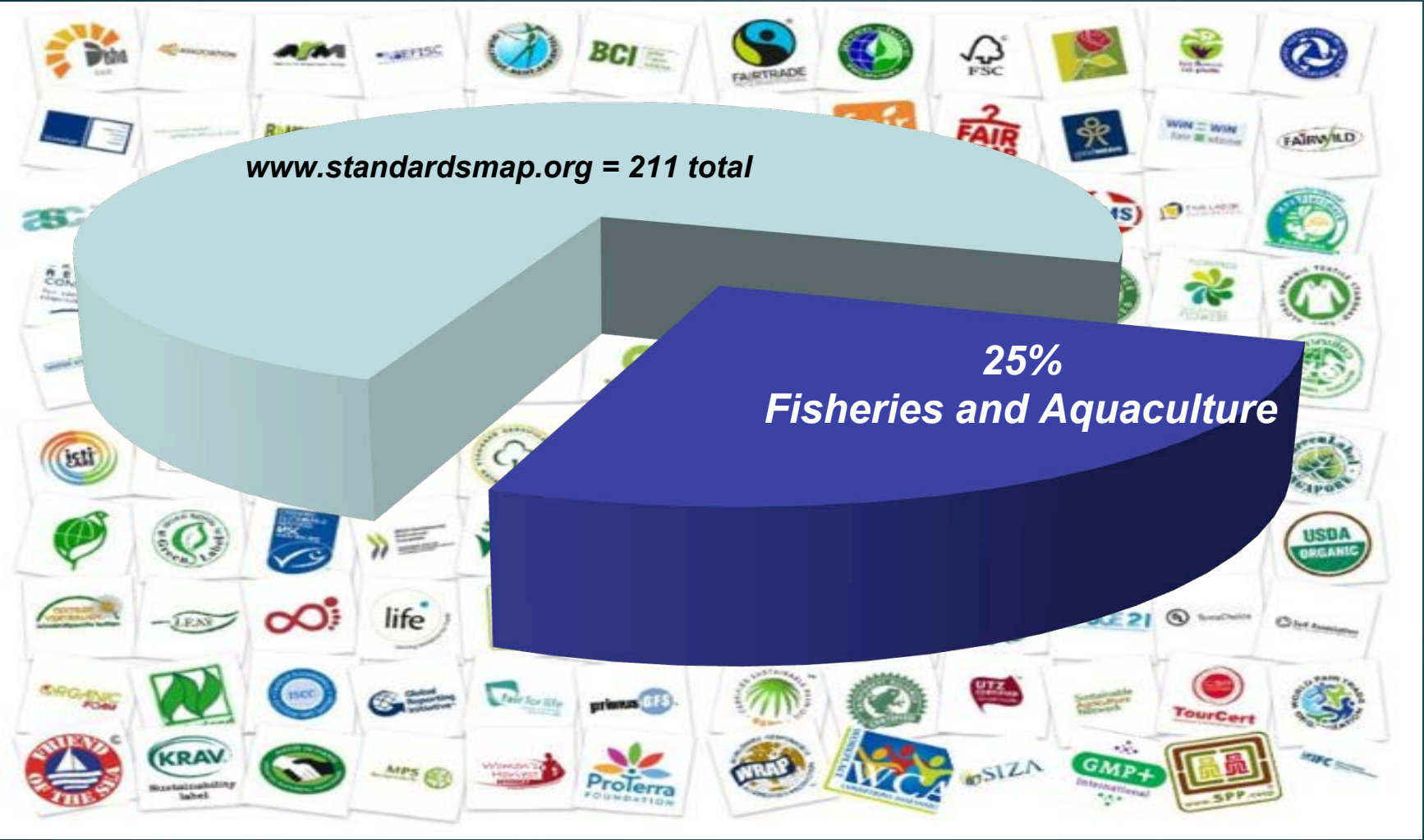
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There are many certifications — How do they compare, and can they work together?





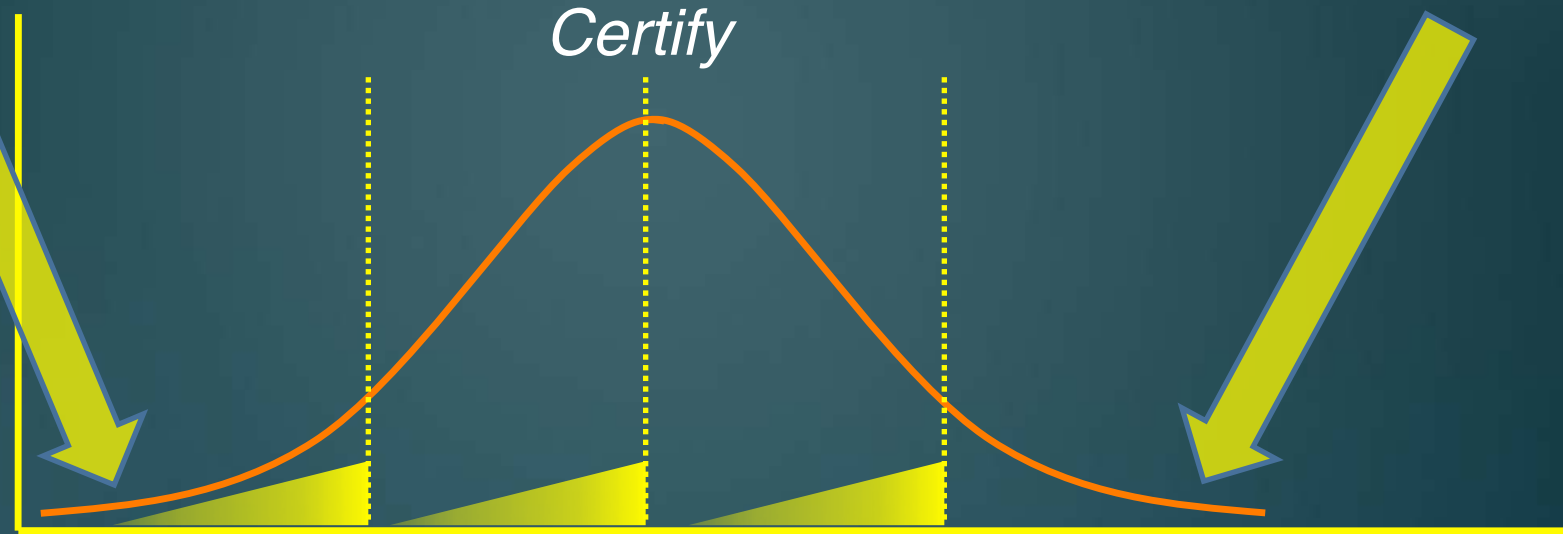
My belief is....

We don't need one certification. For seafood to continually improve, we need many. They need to be differentiated and we need to link them to create a path toward greater sustainability.

Multiple certifications — part of a strategy to improve all of aquaculture

*Ensure regulatory
environment keeps
pace with
sector development*

of
producers



Innovate

Lower environmental impacts →

The challenge: Shrimp standards

Can we tell the difference between:

3 international standards

BAP, ASC, GlobalGAP

3 national standards

Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia

Across five categories of impacts

- Environmental protection
- Social issues and community protection
- Feed
- Supply risk (e.g., disease)
- Food safety



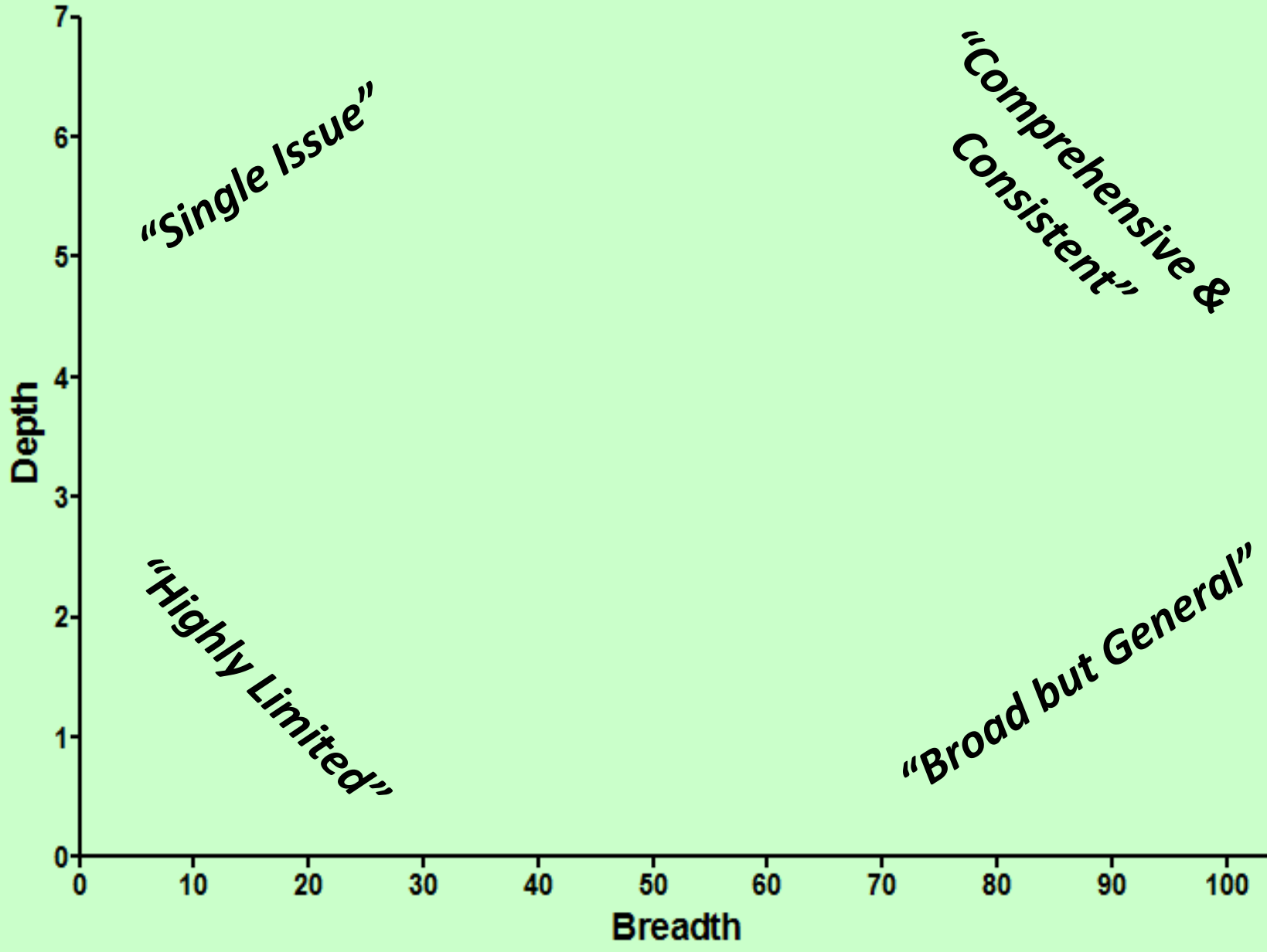
Heaven Lake, 天池

Breadth or Area: 9.82 km²

Depth: 384 m

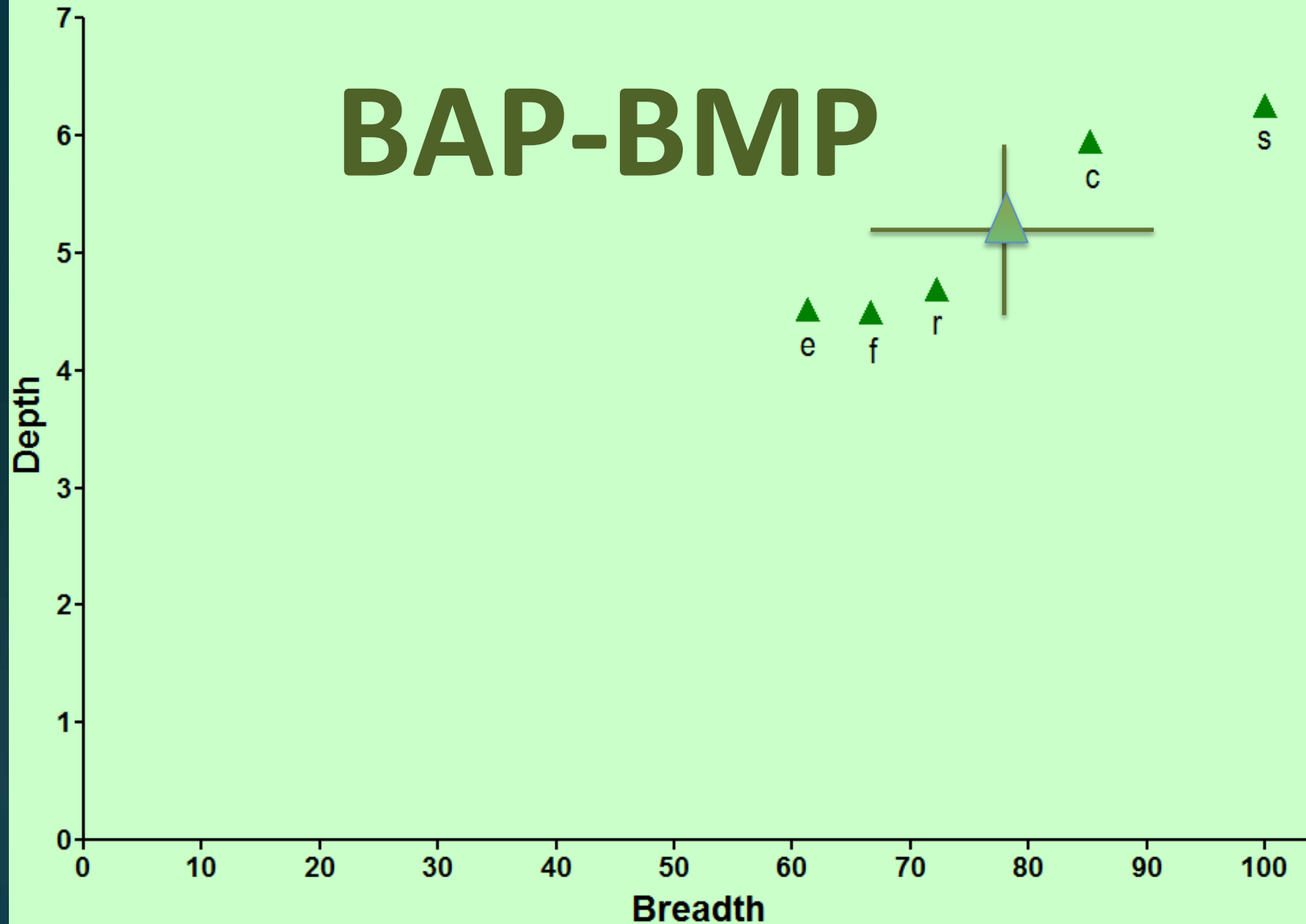


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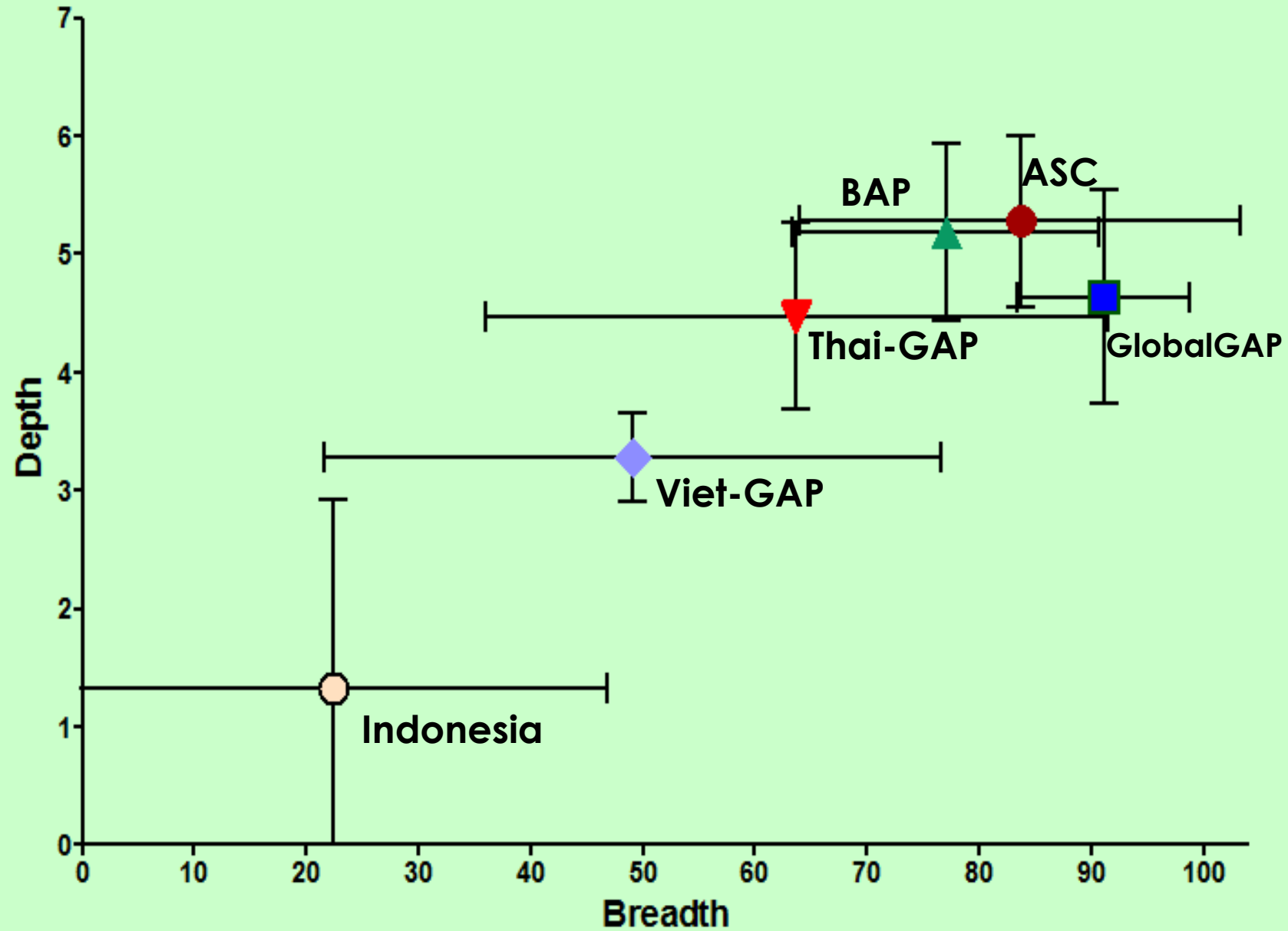


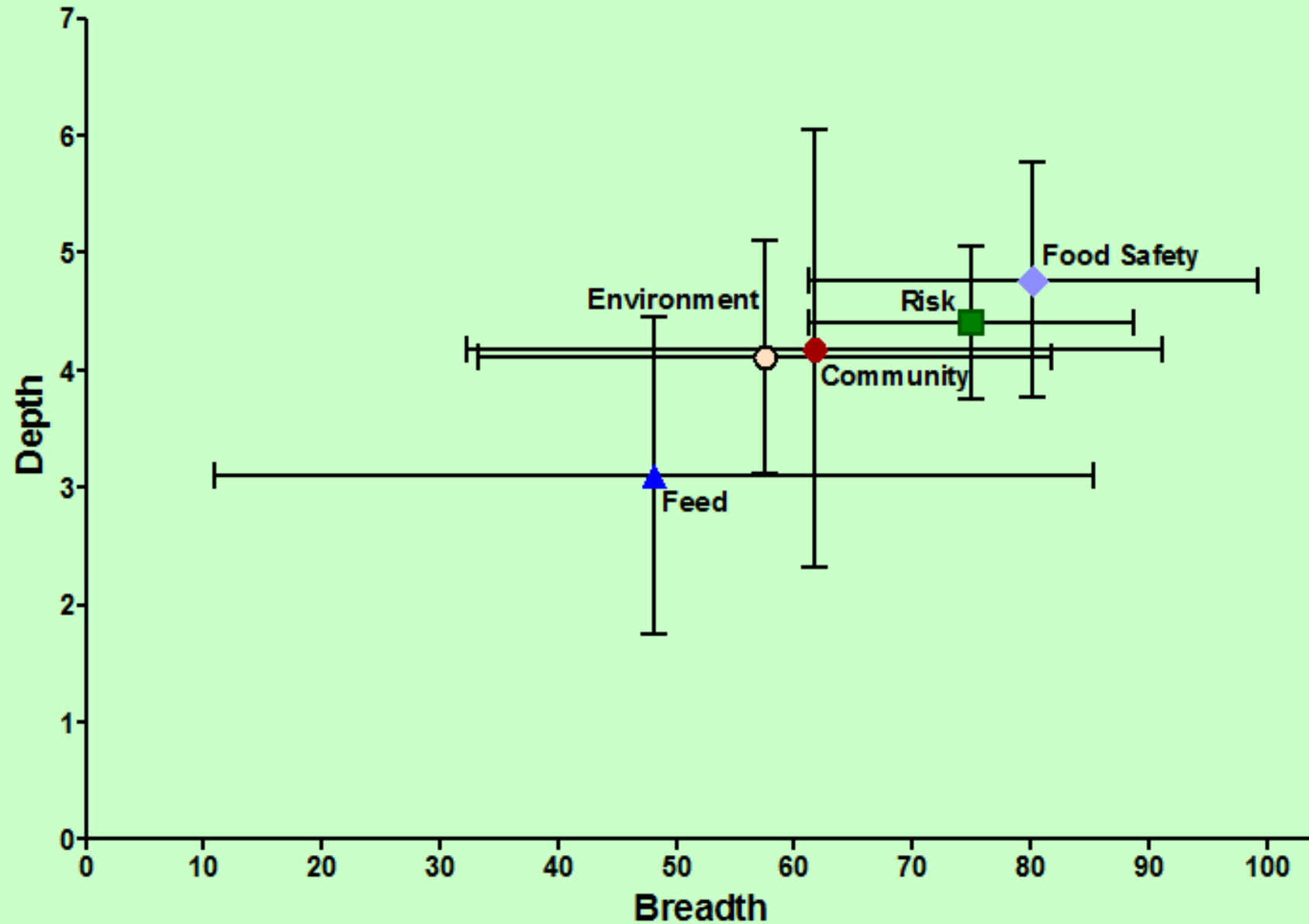
Narrow

Broad



- e - Environmental protection
- c - Social issues and Community Protection
- f - Feed
- r - Supply risk (e.g., disease)
- s - Food safety





Key findings

- Breadth and Depth scoring was able to visually represent potential differences in rigor between standards.
- Groupings highlighted differences between national and international standards. National schemes can have a broad coverage of issues but also ignore whole issues (e.g., feed).
- Scoring reflected the key differences in the approaches used by standards.
- Comparisons on individual criteria are more descriptive than summary statistics.
- More advanced statistics can be used to tease apart differences (but that is the purpose of the statistical methods).

Thank you!



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