



# From assessment to action: improving animal welfare in African aquaculture

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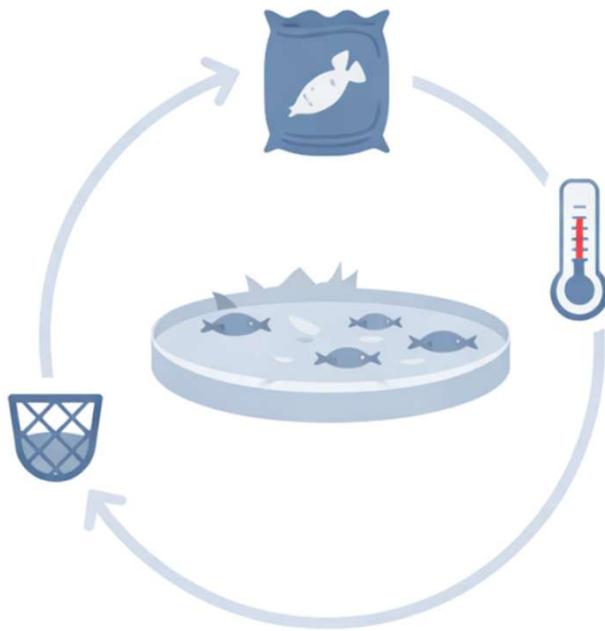


# *Why animal welfare assessment often fails in African aquaculture*



-  Most welfare tools are designed for industrial systems
-  Most farmed fish are produced in low- and middle-income contexts

# *What farmers actually struggle with*



- 👁️ Welfare is not a visible or named concept
- 📊 Trade-offs between survival, growth and welfare
- ∞ Limited feedback on whether changes are helping

# What has actually worked in practice



Simple, observable indicators

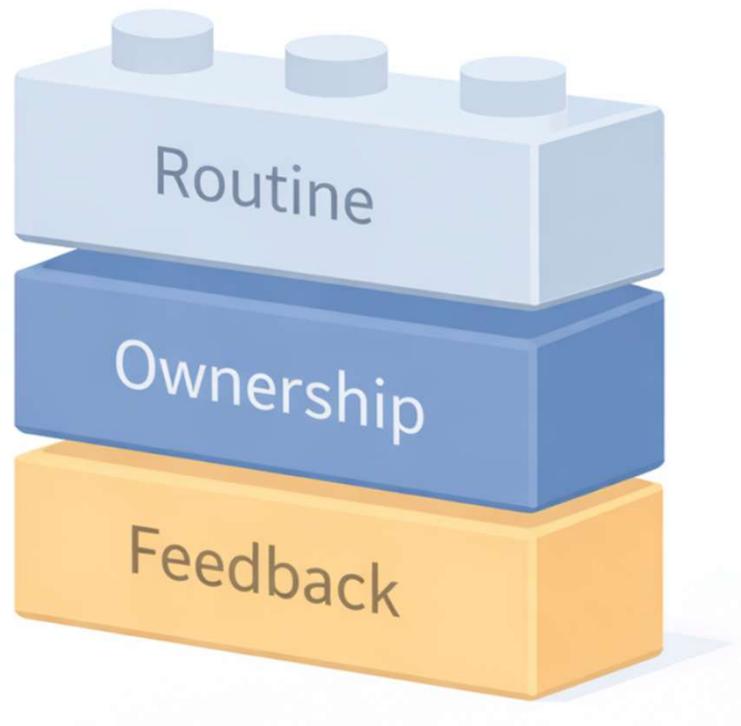


Tools embedded in daily routines



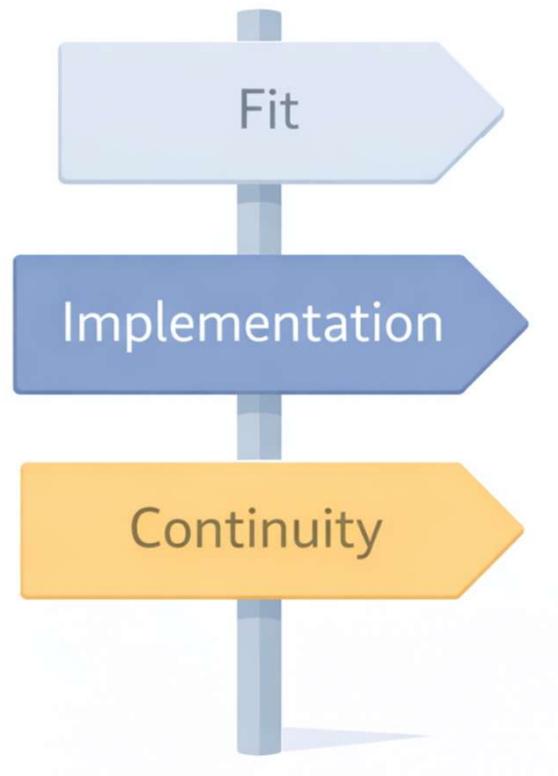
Clear benefits for farmers

# From projects to lasting change



-  Reinforcement through routines and norms
-  Local ownership and leadership
-  Simple signals that progress is being maintained

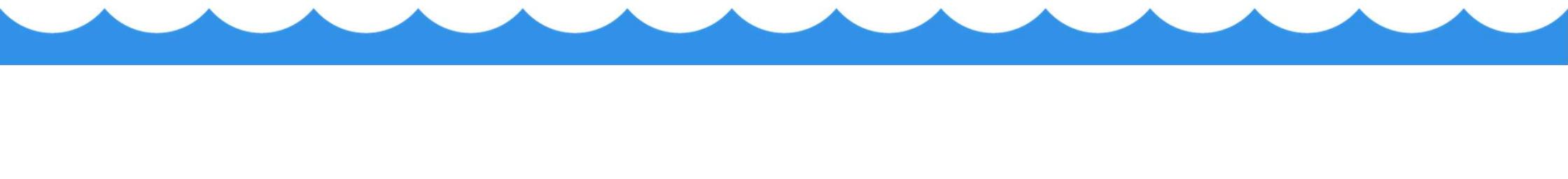
# Implications for funders, NGOs & governments



- \$ Invest in fit, not complexity
- ! Prioritise implementation over frameworks
- 📄 Support learning beyond project timelines

**Assessment only matters if it  
leads to action**

**Assessment is a means,  
not an end**



# THANK YOU!



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