Licensing flowchart: naturemade star hydroelectric power plants

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Licensee	Auditor / specialist auditor	VUE Executive Office	VUE Board / experts

indeterminate

Interest in certification under the *naturemade star* quality seal

Initial information
- Certification process
- Provision of information material

Recommendation: Preliminary assessment of the hydropower plant's prospects for certification by an aquatic ecologist

Appointment of a person responsible for preparing a management programme (approx. 1 yr prior to audit)

Appointment of a lead auditor from the list

Assignment of a specialist auditor by the VUE Executive Office

7/10 weeks

Preparation of audit documents:
- Plant description/accreditation & information on the company
- Management program (finalisation 1 month before specialist audit)

Completion of audit (incl. specialist audit)

Completion of audit documents, submission by lead auditor (4 submission dates per year, see www.naturemade.ch/en/naturemade-zertifizieren.html)
- Audit report, specialist audit report, management program
- Application for (re)certification incl. declaration
- (Application for membership VUE, if not yet a member)

Formal review of audit documents

major adjustments necessary

Additions / corrections to the audit documents

No major adjustments necessary

Substantive review of audit documents by experts

Discussion in the Board in case of need for clarification

Review by the Hydroelectric Power Technical Coordination in complex cases.

(Re)certification (4x/a)

every 5 years

every 12 months

Annual review audit
- Energy accounts
- Review of requirements
- Fund payments, funded projects

Controlling

Visit www.naturemade.ch for all relevant documents.