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GSSI IS A GLOBAL, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, WORKING TOWARDS MORE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD FOR EVERYONE

WHY GSSI MATTERS
We live on a finite planet, and as seafood production increases to meet rising global demand, so have concerns over the environmental, economic and social impact of production worldwide.

As the public-private partnership on seafood sustainability with 90+ stakeholders industry-wide, GSSI aligns global efforts and resources to address these concerns.

GSSI first tackled the confusion around seafood certification through its Global Benchmark Tool. GSSI is now also working with the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) to develop a similar benchmark for social labor standards.

Through its strategic initiatives, GSSI champions the commitment of the seafood sector to deliver the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, including:

WHAT GSSI DOES

- GSSI provides a global, multi-stakeholder platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange to address sustainability challenges that have an environmental, economic and social impact.

- GSSI operates the Global Benchmark Tool to provide confidence in certified seafood and promote improvement in certification schemes.

- GSSI collaborates with the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) to develop a seafood-specific social compliance benchmark.

13% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION IS SUPPORTED BY THE SEAFOOD SECTOR

59.6 MILLION WORKERS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN CAPTURE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

239 MILLION WORKERS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE SEAFOOD SECTOR

OVER 500% EXPECTED INCREASE IN WORLD SEAFOOD PRODUCTION BETWEEN 1961-2030

Source: FAO SOFIA 2018

GSSI ALIGNS GLOBAL EFFORTS AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE LATEST SEAFOOD SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES.
GSSI PROVIDES A GLOBAL, MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE TO ADDRESS SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES THAT HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT.

A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP: OVER 90 STAKEHOLDERS FROM 21 COUNTRIES AND 5 CONTINENTS

80+ FUNDING PARTNERS

13 AFFILIATED PARTNERS

FUNDING PARTNERS

AFFILIATED PARTNERS
GSSI’s Global Benchmark Tool provides formal recognition of seafood certification schemes that successfully complete a rigorous and transparent benchmark process, which is underpinned by the FAO Guidelines. These include the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, FAO Ecolabelling Guidelines and FAO Technical Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification.

The Tool looks at four performance areas:

1. Scheme governance
2. Operational management (including chain of custody)
3. Aquaculture certification standards
4. Fisheries certification standards

INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GSSI BENCHMARK TOOL

186 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS
137 SUPPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- Scheme Owner
- Steering Board
- Independent Experts
- Benchmark Committee
- Public
- GSSI Secretariat
- Steering Board Liaison

THE BENCHMARK PROCESS

1. APPLICATION
2. DESKTOP REVIEW
3. OFFICE VISIT
4. BENCHMARK COMMITTEE MEETING
5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION
6. RECOGNITION DECISION BY STEERING BOARD
7. MONITORING OF CONTINUED ALIGNMENT

CLARITY, CREDIBILITY AND CHOICE THROUGH A FORMAL RECOGNITION PROCESS

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION SCHEMES APPLY TO BE BENCHMARKED

ROBUST ASSESSED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS

INCLUSIVE 30-DAY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

TRANSPARENT ALL REPORTS ARE PUBLISHED ONLINE
GSSI’S GLOBAL COLLABORATION TOWARDS MORE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

1995
FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries adopted.

1997
FAO publishes Certification and Ecolabelling Guidelines, following the increase in seafood certification schemes.

1995
GSSI included in the responsible sourcing commitments of FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

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2013
Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative launched as a public-private partnership.

2015
Launch of GSSI’S Global Benchmark Tool with FAO.

2015

2016
GSSI recognizes 4 PERFORMANCE AREAS, 186 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS, 137 SUPPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS, and 7 STEP PROCESS.

2016
GSSI included in the responsible sourcing commitments of Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative.

2017
GSSI recognizes 2016.

2017
GSSI gains market recognition by being included in global sourcing policies, including:

2018
GSSI recognizes 2017.

2018
GSSI starts co-developing the Social Benchmark Tool with the Consumer Goods Forum’s Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative.

2018
GSSI gains market recognition by being included in global sourcing policies, including:

2018
GSSI celebrates 5 years.

PROMOTING SECTOR-WIDE COLLABORATION TO DRIVE FORWARD MORE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD FOR EVERYONE.
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