GSSI–SSCI Collaboration

Why
Seafood is one of the most traded foods in the world and also one of the largest industries, with the sector employing at least 260 million workers worldwide. However, it is one of the most at-risk industries from a social sustainability perspective where limited safeguards to protect seafood’s workers are prevalent.

What
GSSI and The Consumer Goods Forum’s (CGF) Sustainable Supply Chain initiative (SSCI) have developed industry specific benchmarking requirements to address social compliance challenges while incorporating principles from the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Guiding Principles, and the CGF Priority Industry Principles on Forced Labor.

How
Based on the voluntary SSCI–GSSI criteria developed specifically for the seafood industry, schemes are assessed through the SSCI benchmarking methodology. If all criteria are met through the benchmarking process, the scheme will be recognised. Find out more and apply at www.benchmark.tcgfssci.com.
What is the value of being SSCI Recognised?

By undergoing benchmarking with SSCI, schemes signal their commitment to meeting the industry’s expectations on sustainability standards and governance mechanisms. The SSCI helps build trust in sustainability standards worldwide, driving alignment among the many different third-party auditing, monitoring and certification schemes that assist companies in their supply chains due diligence.

Thanks to the SSCI Benchmark, GSSI partners have one clear reference point for what constitutes credible auditing criteria and which social certification has proven to provide this.

The Impact

How the SSCI works to create a responsible seafood sector

Driving improvement
Schemes have an incentive to improve and the social sustainability of vessel workers improve as a result

Credibility
The industry has one clear and trusted reference point for which schemes meet the bar

Transparency
Stakeholders are engaged through public consultations and scheme benchmark progress is publicly available

Collaboration
SSCI criteria have been developed by the industry and market, based on collaborative, multistakeholder engagement