

A person wearing a bright orange jacket and dark pants is crouching in a field of dark, harvested seaweed. They are surrounded by several green plastic crates, some of which are filled with seaweed. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline with buildings under a cloudy sky.

MORE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD FOR EVERYONE



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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

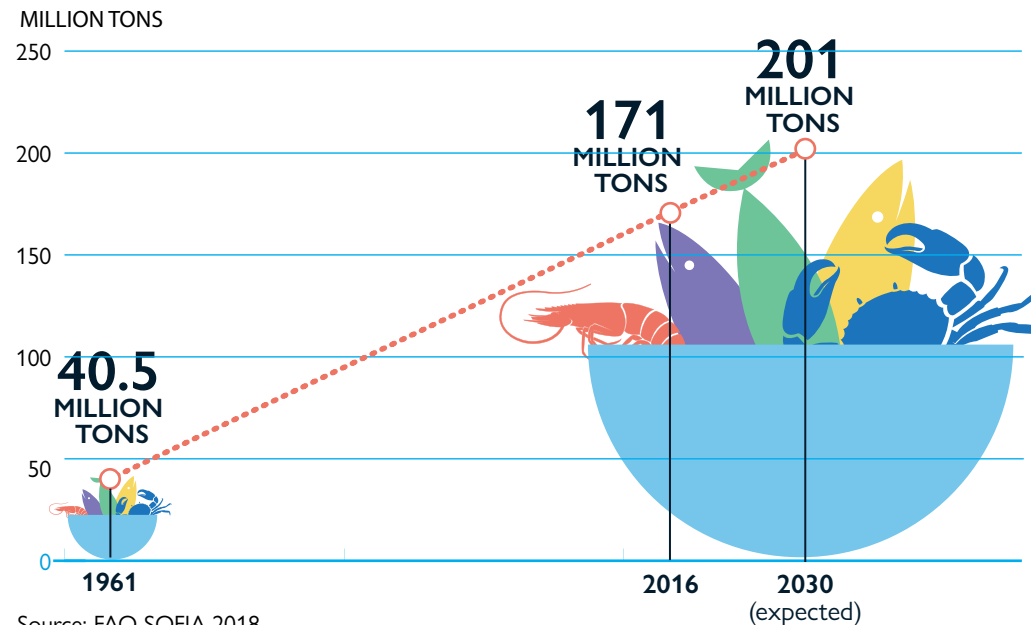
59.6
MILLION WORKERS
DIRECTLY EMPLOYED
IN CAPTURE FISHERIES
AND AQUACULTURE



239
MILLION WORKERS
DIRECTLY AND
INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED
IN THE SEAFOOD SECTOR

Source: FAO SOFIA 2018

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.

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

FUNDING PARTNERS



AFFILIATED PARTNERS



80+
FUNDING
PARTNERS

13
AFFILIATED
PARTNERS

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



THE GLOBAL BENCHMARK TOOL: CREATING GLOBAL ALIGNMENT IN SEAFOOD CERTIFICATION

THE ONE-STOP SHOP FOR CREDIBLE SEAFOOD CERTIFICATION SCHEMES

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:

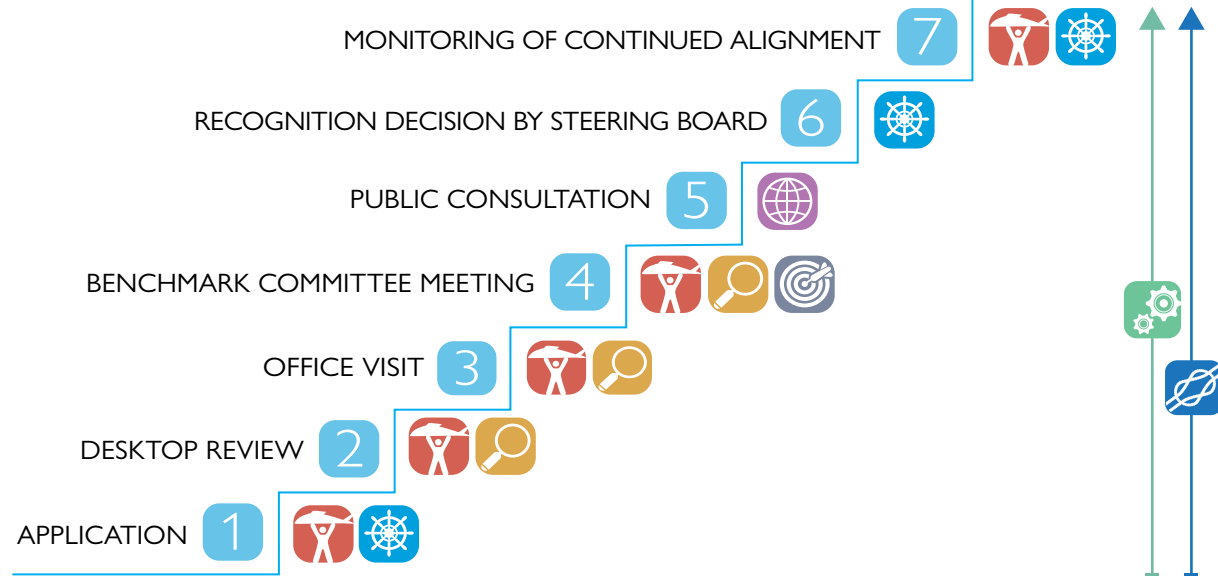
- A** Scheme governance
- B** Operational management (including chain of custody)
- C** Aquaculture certification standards
- D** Fisheries certification standards

INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

THE BENCHMARK PROCESS



WHO IS INVOLVED?



GSSI BENCHMARK TOOL



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.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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

2015
 Launch of GSSI'S Global Benchmark Tool with FAO

4 PERFORMANCE AREAS	186 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS
137 SUPPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS	7 STEP PROCESS

2016
 GSSI recognizes




2017
 GSSI recognizes




Scope:
 • Salmon Standard
 • Finfish & Crustacean Standard

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



2018
 GSSI recognizes






Scope:
 • Salmon Standard

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




2015
 United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted.



2016
 GSSI included in the responsible sourcing commitments of




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











2018
 GSSI celebrates 5 years



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 SECTOR-WIDE
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 TO DRIVE
 FORWARD
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