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*Hello! I'm happy to be introducing this edition of the SFP News. I am SFP's Biodiversity and Nature Director, a role I took on earlier this year, after moving from my previous position as Global Markets Director. In this position, I am leading a new portfolio of SFP initiatives and activities to [protect marine biodiversity and wildlife](#). This is a continuation and expansion of [our work with partners and other NGOs on protecting ocean wildlife](#).*



*One of our most exciting new initiatives is the [Bycatch Solutions Hub](#), a web-based platform to connect retailers and businesses that want to financially support bycatch-reduction projects with organizations capable of implementing in-the-water solutions. We invite you to explore the Hub to learn more about innovative solutions addressing this critical component of sustainable fisheries. Don't forget to check out the [Funding link](#) on the site to see a list of ready-to-implement opportunities that support fishers AND protect ocean wildlife.*

*Best regards,  
Kathryn Novak*

## **SFP Annual Report: The Business of Sustainable Seafood**

Our [2022-23 annual report](#) highlights our strategy of ensuring that sustainability is everyone's business.



[Read the report](#)

## SFP joins new alliance to fight nature crimes

SFP is joining with World Resources Institute (WRI), the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment, the U.S. State Department, and others as a founding member of the [Nature Crime Alliance](#), bringing together critical stakeholders to combat a broad range of nature crimes. SFP will participate in our work on combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.



[Learn more about the Nature Crime Alliance](#)

## Philippines Responsible Seafood Summit champions responsible seafood sourcing

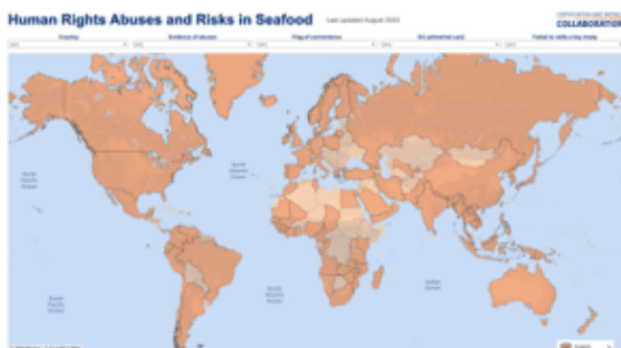
More than 200 representatives from government, industry, and civil society came together at the first Responsible Seafood Summit, to discuss responsible seafood sourcing (RSS) and how to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in the Philippines. The summit, which was hosted by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Fish Right Program also included a celebration of industry partnerships developed under the [Better Seafood Philippines \(BSP\) program](#), which is led by SFP and supported by USAID.



[Learn more about Better Seafood Philippines](#)

# New resource will help identify human rights risks in seafood supply chains

An op-ed by SFP Global Policy Director Brad Spear and Aquaculture Stewardship Council CEO Chris Ninnes [urges action by seafood companies to prevent human rights violations in the seafood supply chain](#) and support individuals and communities involved in seafood production.



The piece was published in conjunction with the release of a new social component of the Certification & Ratings Collaboration’s Sustainable Seafood Data Tool, which [consolidates data on human rights abuses and risks in 92 seafood-producing countries](#). SFP is a member of the Certification & Ratings Collaboration.

Read the op-ed

## Engaging artisanal fishers in RFMO discussions improves fisheries management

New science by SFP, published in Ocean & Coastal Management, finds that [engaging resource users in regional fisheries management organization \(RFMO\) governance can help RFMOs more effectively meet their objectives](#). The study looked at the impact of CALAMASUR (the Committee for the Sustainable Management of the Jumbo Flying Squid in the South Pacific) in influencing and advancing squid management decisions by the South Pacific RFMO.



Read the study

## Sector reports highlight seafood sector



# production, trade, and sustainability



SFP's science team released three new reports this quarter as part of our [ongoing series of sector sustainability updates](#). The [2022 T75 Sectors Status Update](#) presents a summary update on progress in each of the 13 seafood sectors toward the 75% goal, along with the latest trends in production and trade. Two new sector reports find that, while the reported production and trade of [octopus](#) and [mahi-mahi](#) have increased significantly in recent decades, a lack of data and inadequate regulations present a challenge to sustainable management of these fisheries.

[Read the reports](#)

## SFP on the road: Look for us at these events

[Global Seafood Alliance's Responsible Seafood Summit](#), October 2-5, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. SFP will spotlight the importance of transitioning to ropeless gear in crab and lobster fisheries during a panel and field trip at the summit.

[Conxemar Seafood Show](#), October 3-5, Vigo, Spain.

[Tokyo Sustainable Seafood Summit](#), October 17-19, Tokyo, Japan.

## SFP partners make broad commitments to seafood sustainability

**Walmart** announced that it [will require all of its tuna suppliers to source exclusively from vessels with 100% electronic or human observer monitoring](#) and from fisheries that use zero high seas transshipment (unless the activity is covered by 100% monitoring) by





As part of its SeaChange 2030 sustainability strategy, **Thai Union** announced that 100% of its wild-caught and farmed seafood will be produced responsibly or in an improvement program. The company also committed to support the protection and restoration of critical ecosystems, including mangroves and coral reefs. A recent report, produced by SFP and Thai Union, looks back at [the first 18 months of our partnership](#).

Learn more about SFP Partnerships

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

- We’ve updated our interactive [Solve My Bycatch Problem tool](#) to include solutions for pot and trap fisheries, in addition to longline fisheries.
- SFP joined other sustainable seafood organizations and seafood companies in support of a [pause on deep-sea mining](#).
- A new score in SFP’s [Seafood Metrics](#), the ETP risk score, will allow seafood buyers to easily identify fisheries with bycatch of endangered, threatened, and protected (ETP) species.
- SFP Program Director Dave Martin was recently selected as a member of the steering committee for the [Science Based Targets Network Ocean Hub](#), which sets targets to help support the establishment of certifications and commitments in the seafood industry.

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