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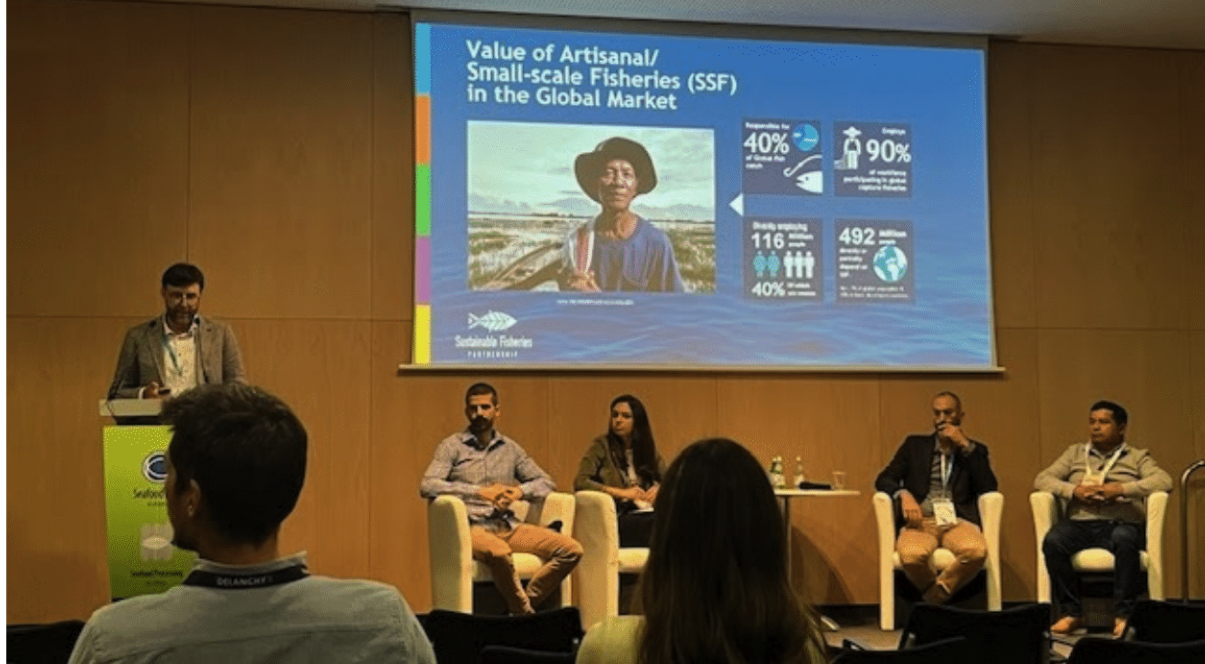
Expo Wrap-up Edition

Highlights from Seafood Expo Global

Our team has packed up the stand and headed home after a productive week in Barcelona at [Seafood Expo Global 2024](#). Read on for some highlights from the event.



Panel reviews implications of new EU Due Diligence Directive

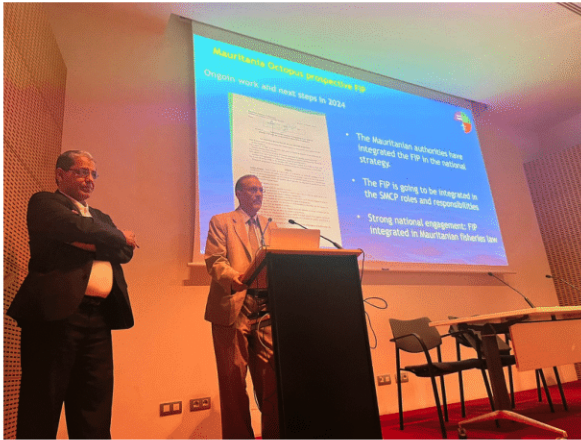


SFP Fisheries Markets Director Pedro Ferreiro introduces the panelists, (L-R) Yago Dosón, Francesca Peretti, Enrique Alonso, and Jose Alvarado.

SFP hosted a panel discussion at the Expo on the potential wide-ranging impacts of the new EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. The Directive was approved by the European Parliament on the same day that the panel took place, moving it one step closer to adoption by the European Union. It creates a legal liability for companies relating to environmental and human rights violations within their supply chains.

Among the topics discussed at the panel were how the Directive will affect small-scale fisheries and how SFP's readily available tools such as [FishSource](#) can help companies carry out risk-based assessments. The panel began with an analysis of the new Directive by Francesca Peretti of ClientEarth. Other speakers included Yago Dosón, Blue Food Specialist at Iberostar, SFP Global Fisheries Director Enrique Alonso, and Jose Alvarado from Halaihue Fishers Federation, who explained the environmental and social challenges faced by artisanal Southern Hake fisheries.

Global Octopus and Global Squid SRs meet to review progress and look toward future

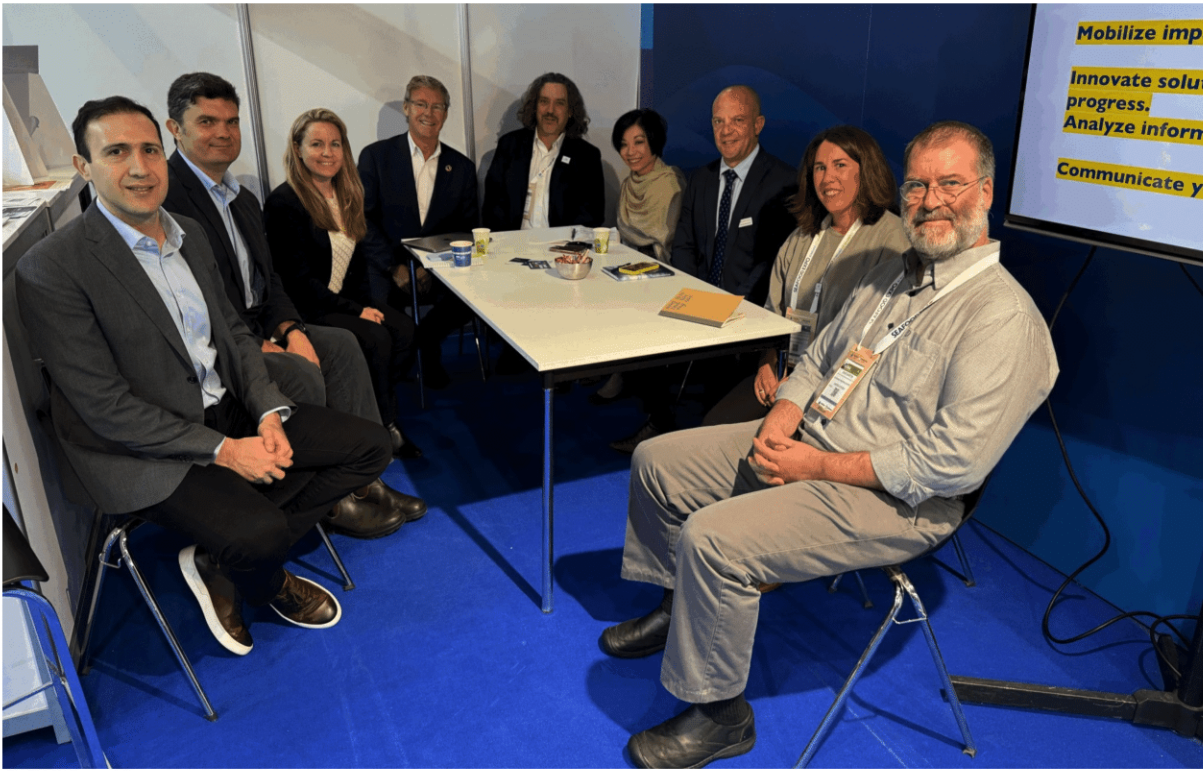


Two of our Supply Chain Roundtables (SRs) held open meetings in Barcelona, to review progress with participants and invite new companies to learn about and join the SRs.

At the [Global Octopus SR](#) meeting, representatives from SMCP in Mauritania (above, left) presented on the recent approval by the Mauritanian government of a national decree to include the newly established [Mauritanian octopus fishery improvement project \(FIP\)](#) in the national fishing strategy.

At the [Global Squid SR](#) meeting, SFP SR Director Carmen González-Vallés presented progress by the SR to a packed room (above, right), and highlighted the need for SR participants, and the seafood industry in general, to endorse larger corporate commitments to traceability and corporate social responsibility. In the coming months, SR participants will participate in training sessions on addressing human rights in their supply chains.

SFP and SeaBOS will collaborate to address IUU fishing and modern slavery in West Africa



Teams from SFP, led by CEO Jim Cannon (center), and SeaBOS, led by Managing Director Martin Exel (4th from left), met to kick off a collaboration on [SeaBOS's West Coast Africa Keystone Project](#). The project will develop tools and approaches to help identify and eliminate IUU fishing and modern slavery within SeaBOS member companies' operations and supply chains. The project will work with local governments, civil society, FIPs, and others to develop approaches and implement actions that can then be adapted to and used in other regions.

Peru jumbo flying squid fishery stakeholders highlight progress toward sustainability



(L-R) Gilary Morales, Fisheries Improvement Officer, WWF Peru; Gerardo Carrer, President, CAPECAL; Alfonso Miranda, President, CALAMASUR; Elsa Vega, President, SONAPESCAL; Stefany Rojas, Peru Coordinator, SFP; Carlos Yenque, Manager, SONAPESCAL; Enrique Alonso, Global Fisheries Director, SFP. The event was supported by SFP, WWF & PromPeru.

Stakeholders from the Peruvian fishing sector came together in Barcelona to discuss the state of Peru's jumbo flying squid (JFS) fishery, one of the largest artisanal fisheries in the world. The participants reviewed progress by the JFS fishery improvement project (FIP), and stressed the value of coordination between industry and other stakeholders in the fishery. They also highlighted the importance of fighting against IUU fishing, including illegal incursions by distant-water squid vessels into Peruvian waters, and ensuring that regional management of the resource is based on rigorous and transparent science.

The JFS fishery is one of the largest artisanal fisheries in the world. Participation and engagement by artisanal producers and processors in the fishery have helped contribute to important progress in management of the fishery over the last several years. Event participants included representatives from SONAPESCAL (the Peruvian Artisanal Fishing Society), CAPECAL (the Peruvian Chamber for Jumbo Flying Squid), and CALAMASUR (the Committee for the Sustainable Management of the Jumbo Flying Squid).

"We are committed to improving the management of our fisheries and we want to continue working together to take care of tomorrow's fisheries," Elsa Vega, president of SONAPESCAL, said.

Stakeholders come together to review progress of Northern Cod FIP



SFP Chief Executive Officer Jim Cannon (back row, third from right) joined industry, government, and NGO stakeholders in Barcelona to review progress in the Northern Cod Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). The industry-led FIP, which began in 2015, has been working to restore Northern Atlantic cod stocks on the east coast of Canada. Once one of the largest fisheries in the world, the cod fishery collapsed in 1992, leading to a long moratorium. According to the latest data from Canada, the stock is now out of the critical zone and has been improving. Cannon praised the “world-class” science coming out of the FIP and described this latest news as encouraging, “setting the stage to move towards a sustainable commercial fishery.”

Save the Date

Seafood Expo Global may be over, but [Seafood Expo Asia](#) is coming up later this year. SFP will have a delegation at the event in Singapore, from **September 4-6**. We hope to see you there.



And we'll see you next year at Seafood Expo Global, **May 6-8, 2025**, in Barcelona!



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