

YEAR IN REVIEW EDITION

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Dear Friends,

At Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, we believe that the business of sustainability is everyone's business. That's why we work with all actors throughout the seafood supply chain, to ensure that best practices are implemented, all voices are heard, and improvement efforts stick and lead to tangible results on the water.



This year's annual report, [The Business of Sustainable Seafood](#), expanded on that approach and highlighted our work around the world. In this year-in-review edition of SFP News, you will find some more highlights from 2023.

As you read about our successes and achievements from the year, I hope you will consider [making a financial contribution to SFP](#). Your support will help us engage small-scale fishers; combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; protect ocean wildlife; and promote regenerative aquaculture. Together, we can build a future of healthy oceans and 100-percent sustainable seafood.

Wishing you a peaceful and healthy holiday season and a happy New Year.

*Jim Cannon
Chief Executive Officer*

SFP tackles the tough challenges facing fisheries and aquaculture

Our four [dedicated initiatives](#) are removing barriers to sustainable seafood around the world.

Supporting Small-Scale Fisheries



The government of Peru [issued an historic decree to enable fisher registration by cooperatives](#) in the artisanal mahi-mahi and jumbo flying squid fisheries. This action removes barriers for more than 900 artisanal vessels in major fisher organizations to be able to operate legally in Peruvian waters, and clears the way for full formalization of the entire artisanal fleet. SFP provides technical support and advice to the organizations working toward this goal.

More than 400 small-scale snapper-grouper fishers in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, established a new fishers' network. The [Forum Komunikasi Nelayan Kakap-Kerapu Indonesia \(Forkom Narasi\)](#), is a first step toward increased participation by the catch sector in fisheries governance and management through co-management. SFP facilitated the establishment of the forum and is supporting fisher and vessel registration.



Promoting Regenerative Aquaculture

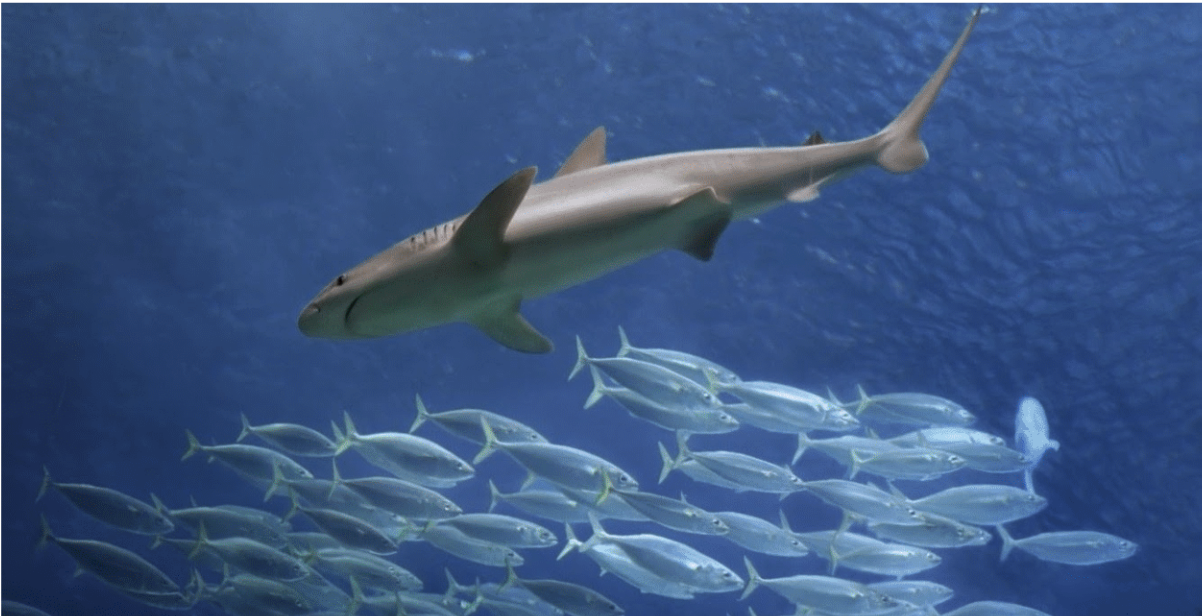


SFP and Longline Environment unveiled a new [aquaculture mapping tool](#) to advance mangrove habitat regeneration. The tool identifies where shrimp farming is located within or adjacent to mangrove habitat in India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the [Aquaculture Stewardship Council](#). We will collaborate with ASC on sustainable aquaculture production and practices around the world, starting with enhancing the scope and reach of aquaculture improvement projects (AIPs).



Protecting Ocean Wildlife



SFP officially launched our [Bycatch Solutions Hub](#), along with founding sponsor Purina Europe. The Hub is a web-based platform connecting retailers and businesses that want to financially support projects to reduce ocean wildlife bycatch with organizations capable of implementing in-the-water solutions.

We also unveiled our [Protecting Ocean Wildlife Pledge](#), asking seafood companies to commit to reducing bycatch of vulnerable marine wildlife in commercial fisheries. Thai Union was the inaugural signer of the Pledge, followed by Beaver Street Fisheries and Giant Eagle.

We updated our interactive [Solve My Bycatch Problem tool](#) to include solutions for pot and trap fisheries, in addition to longline fisheries.



Combating IUU Fishing



SFP joined the 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](#). The Alliance brings together critical stakeholders to combat a broad range of nature crimes. SFP will participate with our work on combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The US Agency for International Development’s Fish Right Program hosted the first Responsible Seafood Summit, bringing together government, industry, and civil society to discuss responsible seafood sourcing (RSS) and how to combat IUU fishing in the Philippines. The Summit fostered greater awareness and support for responsible seafood sourcing and the RSS standards developed by Fish Right and SFP, and highlighted milestones and industry partnerships developed under the [Better Seafood Philippines \(BSP\)](#) program, which is led by SFP and supported by USAID.

The South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) approved new measures for the transshipment of jumbo flying squid, a regulation that can help reduce IUU fishing. Prior to the meeting, [members of SFP’s Global](#)

Squid Supply Chain Roundtable expressed support for CALAMASUR, the industry group that was a key force in getting SPRFMO delegates to pass this regulation.

[Learn more about SFP's initiatives](#)

Supply Chain Roundtables expand seafood sector sustainability efforts

SFP's [Supply Chain Roundtables \(SRs\)](#) bring together major seafood buyers and importers to work together pre-competitively to scale-up sustainability in specific seafood sectors. Some SR highlights from 2023 included:

SFP's [U.S. Gulf of Mexico Shrimp SR](#) celebrated the news that the American Shrimp Processors Association [entered the U.S. Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery into sustainability assessments](#) under the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and Certified Seafood Collaborative (CSC) Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) certification programs. SFP has been working with processors and distributors in this fishery for 15 years.



Following on last year's public commitment to prevent IUU fishing in their supply chains, the members of SFP's [Global Squid SR](#) signed an MoU demonstrating their commitment to implementing the strategy. In the MOU, the companies also commit to better traceability and transparency in their own supply chains, beginning with strengthening their procurement policies.

Stakeholders from the Mauritanian octopus fishery, supported by SFP's [Global Octopus SR](#), signed an MoU to establish a fishery improvement project (FIP) in the fishery and begin defining a workplan and activities.

The [Global Roundtable on Marine Ingredients](#), which was launched by SFP and IFFO – The Marine Ingredients Organisation, released a [human rights impact assessment \(HRIA\) of the small pelagic fish value chain in Senegal and Mauritania](#). The study identified several actual and potential human rights impacts that the roundtable is committed to working toward addressing.

SR industry chairs work closely with SFP leads to set priorities, drive progress, recruit participants, and seek funding. In 2023, several SR's welcomed new industry chairs:

- [Asian Farmed Shrimp](#): Blake Stok, Thai Union
- [Global Mahi](#): Manuel Garcia, Pacific Coral Seafood Global Octopus: Antonio Alvarez, Grupo Profand
- [Indonesian Snapper & Grouper](#): Casey Marion, Beaver Street Fisheries
- [Mexican Snapper & Grouper](#): Tim Lycke, IncredibleFish
- [U.S. Gulf of Mexico Shrimp](#): Reese Antley, Wood's Fisheries

Learn more about Supply Chain Roundtables

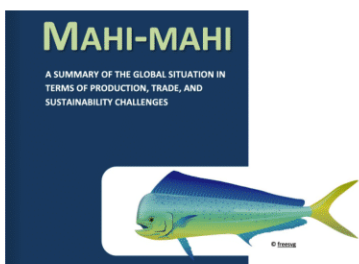
SFP science supports seafood sustainability

SFP's Science and Fisheries teams expanded their contributions to the science of seafood sustainability in 2023.

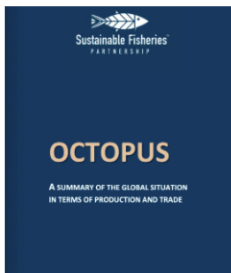
[Research by SFP in Ocean & Coastal Management](#) showed that engaging resource users in regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) governance can help RFMOs more effectively meet their objectives. The authors recommend co-management mechanisms to enable effective participation of artisanal and small-scale fishers in RFMO decisions that affect their livelihoods.



The 14th edition of SFP's annual [sustainability overview of reduction fisheries](#) found that South American reduction fisheries continue to decline or are stagnant in their management performance. The majority of fisheries assessed in the report continue to be reasonably well managed or better, but performance has been slowly declining since 2018.



As part of our [Sector Sustainability Updates series](#), SFP reports found 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. In addition, our overall [T75 Sectors Status Update](#) summarized progress in 13 seafood sectors, along



with information on significant changes in production sources and the latest trends in production and trade.



SFP and the Hilborn Lab at the University of Washington celebrated the fifth anniversary of the [Fishery Improvement Projects Database \(FIP-DB\)](#) with the release of an updated version that includes data on all 300 FIPs initiated to date.



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SFP tools help power industry commitments and accountability

A new score in SFP's [Seafood Metrics](#) allows seafood buyers to easily identify fisheries with bycatch of endangered, threatened, and protected (ETP) species. The ETP risk score, which is designed to align with our Protecting Ocean Wildlife initiative, is one of four new scores added to [FishSource](#) to measure environmental and biodiversity impacts.



Ocean Disclosure Project

[Good Chop](#), a US-based meat and seafood home delivery subscription service, and [Canadian food retailer METRO](#) began publishing details of their wild-caught and farmed seafood sourcing through SFP's [Ocean Disclosure Project \(ODP\)](#) in 2023.

[Learn more about SFP's Science, Tools, and Services](#)

Support SFP this holiday season

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