



## December 2024

Dear Friends,

*At Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP), we are working toward a world where 100% of seafood is sustainable. To achieve this goal, we bring the seafood industry together with governments, NGOs, and scientists to improve fisheries management and performance, protect nature and biodiversity, and ensure the rights and livelihoods of fishers and their communities around the world.*



*As you read below about our highlights and achievements from 2024, [I hope you will consider making a financial contribution to SFP.](#) Your support will help rebuild depleted fish stocks, reduce the environmental impacts of fishing and fish farming, protect ocean biodiversity, address social issues in fishing, and advance economic opportunities for fishers and their communities worldwide. Together, we can build a future of healthy oceans and 100-percent sustainable seafood.*

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

*Jim Cannon  
Chief Executive Officer*

# Fisheries Governance: Bringing stakeholders together to improve the world's fisheries



*SFP works with seafood buyers, suppliers, and producers, as well as government organizations, research institutions, NGOs, and others to develop the most effective approaches to sustainable fisheries management and performance. Highlights from 2024 included:*

- The U.S. Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery became [the first shrimp fishery in the world to be certified to the Responsible Fisheries Management \(RFM\) Standard](#), representing the culmination of years of collaboration and improvement work among the shrimp industry, management agencies, and NGOs. SFP began working in the fishery 15 years ago, initiating the first fishery improvement projects (FIPs) in the region.
- [A historic decision on labor standards and human rights abuses](#) by the The South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) passed as a result of [extensive advocacy by local industry organizations and others, including all members of SFP's Global Squid Supply Chain Roundtable](#).
- After many years of effort by [SFP's Global Octopus Supply Chain Roundtable \(SR\)](#), in collaboration with the Mauritanian Association of Octopus Producers

and Exporters (AMPEP) and the Mauritanian government, the [Mauritania octopus - bottom trawl, pot/trap and jig fishery improvement project \(FIP\) was published as an active FIP](#) on FisheryProgress.org.

- SFP supported the participation of Indonesian small-scale fishers in national fisheries management and decision making. We helped facilitate the establishment of the National Demersal Fisheries Network, representing snapper, grouper, and octopus fishing communities. In Central Java, we partnered with the Central Java Fishery Office (DKP) to [strengthen the Central Java Blue Swimming Crab \(BSC\) Fisheries Management Committee](#). And in Sulawesi, we facilitated an opportunity for octopus fishers to provide input on the government's national octopus management plan.
- Our [SFP Policy Brief on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive](#), offered recommendations for how companies can incorporate new European Union human rights and environmental requirements into a sustainable business strategy.
- An SFP technical report and industry briefing looked at the [potential for electronic monitoring \(EM\) to meet growing requirements for stronger transparency, traceability, and verification](#) in seafood production and trade supply chains and offered recommendations for how end buyers can help support the broader adoption of EM.
- The companies of SFP's Global Squid Supply Chain Roundtable (SR) [voluntarily disclosed their source fisheries through SFP's Ocean Disclosure Project \(ODP\)](#), a move that grew out of a commitment by the companies to increase transparency and combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

## **Nature & Biodiversity: Reducing impacts and increasing resilience**



SFP works with stakeholders to reduce the impacts of wild-capture and farmed seafood production on marine and coastal wildlife and habitats, and create resilience against the impacts of climate change. Highlights from 2024 included:

- SFP's [Bycatch Solutions Hub celebrated its first anniversary in 2024](#). The Hub, which was established with support from founding sponsor Purina Europe, connects seafood companies and innovative fisheries around the world to reverse the decline of ocean wildlife. You can visit the Hub to check out the [active projects](#) and current [projects that need funding](#), see [who is involved](#), and [stay up to date on efforts to reduce bycatch in commercial fisheries](#) – from smart buoys in swordfish fisheries to electronic monitoring in tuna fisheries.
- An SFP industry briefing for buyers and suppliers of farmed salmon and shrimp outlined the [need to reduce the climate change and environmental impacts of aquaculture feed ingredients](#).
- We launched the [Feed Solutions Toolkit](#), which brings together tools, standards, initiatives, and platforms from multiple organizations in a searchable database, highlighting the latest advancements in mitigating the risks linked to a diverse array of ingredients used in compound feed production.

**Science: Advancing knowledge and resources to support sustainable seafood**



*2024 highlights from SFP's Science and Fisheries teams included:*

- The 14th edition of our [Reduction Fisheries Management and Stock Status Sustainability Overview](#) showed declines in performance of key fisheries for the sixth year in a row, highlighting the need for more active and long-term industry engagement to ensure good fisheries management.
- The newest version of our [T75 Sectors Status Update](#) found that, while there is a general upward trend in production from sustainable or improving sources across most seafood sectors, some sectors and regions still face challenges that hinder sustainability.
- SFP and the Hilborn Lab at the University of Washington released the 6th edition of our [Fishery Improvement Projects Database \(FIP-DB\)](#), with historical time series data on the more than 320 FIPs that have been established to date.

## **Advancing gender equity in the global seafood sector**

SFP established a [groundbreaking partnership with Seafood and Gender Equality \(SAGE\)](#), focused on providing our [Supply Chain Roundtables \(SRs\)](#) with

knowledge, expertise, and resources to address gender inequalities in their respective sectors. We will also pilot SAGE's gender equity index tool to assess SFP's internal operations.



## Taking our message on the road

Throughout the year, SFP staff members attended and participated in multiple sustainable seafood and industry events around the world. [Check out our Events page for more details and highlights.](#)

## Support SFP this holiday season

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