What it is







# **GSSI-SSCI** Collaboration



## Why

Seafood is one of the most traded foods in the world and also one of the largest industries, with the sector employing at least 260 million workers worldwide. However, it is one of the most at-risk industries from a social sustainability perspective where limited safeguards to protect seafood's workers are prevalent.

### What

GSSI and The Consumer Goods Forum's (CGF) Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) have developed industry specific benchmarking requirements to address social compliance challenges while incorporating principles from the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Guiding Principles, and the CGF Priority Industry Principles on Forced Labor.





### How

Based on the voluntary SSCI-GSSI criteria developed specifically for the seafood industry, schemes are assessed through the SSCI benchmarking methodology. If all criteria are met through the benchmarking process, the scheme will be recognised. Find out more and apply at <a href="https://www.benchmark.tcgfssci.com">www.benchmark.tcgfssci.com</a>.





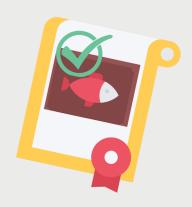




# What is the value of being SSCI Recognised?

By undergoing benchmarking with SSCI, schemes signal their commitment to meeting the industry's expectations on sustainability standards and governance mechanisms. The SSCI helps build trust in sustainability standards worldwide, driving alignment among the many different third-party auditing, monitoring and certification schemes that assist companies in their supply chains due diligence.

**Thanks to the SSCI Benchmark, GSSI partners have one clear reference point** for what constitutes credible auditing criteria and which social certification has proven to provide this.



# The Impact

## Driving improvement

Schemes have an incentive to improve and the social sustainability of vessel workers improve as a result



How the SSCI works to create a responsible seafood sector





#### Credibility

The industry has one clear and trusted reference point for which schemes meet the bar



Stakeholders are engaged through public consultations and scheme benchmark progress is publicly available

#### Collaboration

SSCI criteria have been developed by the industry and market, based on collaborative, multistakeholder engagement