



THAI UNION GROUP / CHICKEN OF THE SEA INTERNATIONAL (COSI) OUR COMMITMENT TO ISSF

As Founding Members of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation, Thai Union and Chicken of the Sea International strongly support all initiatives undertaken by ISSF.

One of the critical initiatives of ISSF to promote responsible and sustainable tuna fisheries is the Proactive Vessel Register (PVR). Thai Union / COSI have made a strong commitment to increase the amount of fish that we source from vessels that are part of the PVR. We have been and will continue to push forward with our commitment to increasing our sourcing from vessels on the PVR. To provide transparency, we will report out a progress on this initiative on an annual basis.

- Working with our suppliers to make sure that they are providing us with an increasing amount of supply from vessels on the PVR
- Directly engaging with our suppliers and boat owners encouraging them to partner with us by joining the PVR
- Implementing an internal program to review and monitor our progress, and find innovative ways to increase our sourcing from vessels listed on the PVR.

In 2015, Thai Union Group's tuna processing plants based in Thailand purchased 91.13% (vs. 64.93% in 2014 and vs. 19.59% in 2013) of our tuna raw material caught by purse seiners by quantity from ISSF's PVR listed vessels. In terms of number of PVR vessels, out of the total purse seine vessels we received fish from in 2015, 77.98% (vs 53.99% in 2014 and vs. 21.33% in 2013) of the vessels was from ISSF's PVR listed vessels.

Furthermore, Thai Union Group is committed to sourcing 100% of tuna caught by large scale purse seiners that are on the PVR in 2016 onward for increased transparency of the tuna raw material processed in our processing plants.

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About ISSF

Our mission is to undertake science-based initiatives for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna stocks, reducing bycatch and promoting ecosystem health.

Principles of Governance

ISSF's actions reflect the principles of governance that defines its mission to undertake science-based initiatives for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna stocks, reducing by catch and promoting ecosystem health:

- Work with RFMOs to achieve their objectives of conservation of tuna stocks and their ecosystems;
- Employ sound science for attaining maximum sustainable yields of targeted tuna stocks;
- Strive to eliminate illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) tuna catching;
- Provide for the health and care of the marine ecosystem;
- Facilitate use of the precautionary approach;
- Minimize bycatch, discards, and abandoned gear;
- Collect and exchange data to promote better scientific understanding of tuna stocks;
- Support certification programs that meet the 2005 eco-labeling guidelines of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

A diverse Board of Directors sets the agenda with the counsel of an independent Scientific Advisory Committee, an Environmental Stakeholder Committee, a Bycatch Project Scientific Steering Committee, a Vessel Committee and staff.

ISSF Objectives

Improve the sustainability of global tuna stocks by developing and implementing verifiable, science based practices, commitments and international management measures that result in tuna fisheries meeting the MSC certification standard¹ without conditions, and becoming the industry standard for vessel owners, traders, processors and marketers.

ISSF will cooperate with and support Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), and vigorously advocate to RFMO members for the adoption and implementation of science-based management measures so that tuna stocks and their ecosystem are managed comprehensively and sustainably.

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