

Thai Union Group PCL recognizes the importance of collaboration among private sector companies, governments, civil society and other fishing industry stakeholders, in meeting the sustainability challenges confronting all of us—particularly responsible sourcing, and safe and legal labor.

As a member of the United Nations Global Compact, Thai Union supports freedom of association and the right of workers to collective bargaining. In line with the company's SeaChange® sustainability strategy, Thai Union promotes multi-party cooperation. With this in mind, Thai Union supports the establishment of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Fishers Rights Network (FRN) as the first democratic union for fishers in Thailand.

Thai Union believes the FRN and ITF fisher-organizing initiatives in the region can be a factor in creating positive change in fisher wages, benefits, and working conditions, and can reflect positively on the Thai fishing sector. We also support the Royal Thai Government's intentions to ratify International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions 87, 98, and 188.

Thai Union looks forward to collaborating with ITF in our pursuit of changing seafood for good.

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