

*Dive into the Responsible
Fishing Vessel Standard*



Advancing best practices for crew rights, safety and welfare aboard fishing vessels

The world's first SSCI recognized vessel standard.

The Global Seafood Alliance's Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard (RFVS) certifies high standards of operational best practices relative to crew safety and welfare on board fishing vessels. RFVS is an assurance tool to help fishing vessel owners and support vessel operators showcase industry-leading best practices through independent, third-party auditing. It was the world's first vessel standard to be recognized by the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) for at-sea operations.



Why choose RFVS?

Trustworthy

RFVS is based on the International Labor Organization's Work in Fishing Convention (C188) and was developed in partnership with industry and the NGO community. It was the first vessel standard to be recognized by the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) for at-sea operations.

Added Assurances

RFVS is a tool for wild capture seafood supply chains that enables responsible seafood certification to go beyond environmental impacts to assess crew rights and safety. It provides assurances to the marketplace that wild seafood has been harvested safely and with respect for worker rights.

Relevant

RFVS is globally applicable and has been designed to be accessible for any type of commercially registered and licensed fishing vessels or fleet of fishing vessels.

Risk Mitigation

Validation of catch permitting and procedures helps mitigate risks of IUU fishery products entering supply chains, while enhancing product traceability.

Applicable

RFVS has been highlighted as a valuable assurance tool by retailers and NGOs around the world who recognize that current fishery certifications lack a sufficient assessment of worker health and welfare. The standard has been applied to vessels working within certified fisheries, Fishery Improvement Projects, integrated fishing companies, and harvester cooperatives as a means to demonstrate social responsibility at sea.

Part of Best Seafood Practices

RFVS is one part of the Best Seafood Practices (BSP) third-party certification program, which also includes GSA's Seafood Processing Standard (SPS). To learn more about BSP, visit bspcertification.org



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