Supply Chain Roundtables

At Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP), our work focuses on the following key seafood sectors: crab, fish used for fishmeal and fish oil, salmon, shrimp, snapper and grouper, squid and octopus, tuna (and other large pelagics), and whitefish.

Within these sectors, SFP promotes the formation of Supply Chain Roundtables (SRs), to support improvement efforts in fisheries or aquaculture areas where needed. An SR is a forum for processors, importers, and others that buy directly from a specific seafood sector to work together in a pre-competitive environment to promote improvements throughout the supply chain. SRs maximize the efficiency of improvement efforts at the national or regional level, by identifying the common needs of different fisheries, sharing resources and expertise, and avoiding duplication.

The roundtables work to support existing fishery improvement projects (FIPs) and aquaculture improvement projects (AIPs), which bring together key stakeholders within a fishery or aquaculture area to develop a multi-stakeholder approach to advance the sustainability of fishing and fish-farming operations. SRs regularly review the performance of FIPs and AIPs, identify those that are finding it hard to make progress, and take measures to get them back on track. This might involve using supplier tools such as control documents, engaging in fisheries management processes, influencing local associations, or investing in value-added processing as a reward for FIP progress. The SRs also identify areas where new FIPs or AIPs are required and encourage producers to take action. In 2018, SFP-convened SRs initiated or re-activated 14 FIPs and supported another 25 pre-FIPs. By working with FIPs and AIPs, SRs have become a principal tool for the industry to work toward criteria set by SFP’s Target 75 initiative.

There are currently 152 individual companies participating in 17 SFP-convened SRs around the world. These include:

Asia Blue Swimming Crab SR
Asia Farmed Shrimp SR
Asian Reduction Fisheries SR
European Sustainable Fishmeal SR
General Aquaculture SR
Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR
Global Mahi-Mahi SR
Global Octopus SR
Global Squid SR

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp SR
Indonesia Snapper and Grouper SR
Latin American Reduction Fisheries SR
Mexican Seafood SR
NW Atlantic Cod SR
Russian Far East Crab SR
Russian Far East Whitefish SR
South American Whitefish SR