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**US Squid Producers and Suppliers Join Forces with International Counterparts Against IUU Squid**

*International coalition, convened by Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, seeks to eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) squid products in domestic and international markets*

Looking to use their market power to reduce and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing worldwide, several US squid producers and suppliers are working with European, Canadian and Australian companies to create an IUU Working Group, administered by [Sustainable Fisheries Partnership](#) (SFP).

Companies participating from the US include Aqua Star (Seattle, WS), Crocker & Winsor Seafoods (Needham, MA), Lund's Fisheries (Cape May, NJ), Netuno (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Panapesca (Pembroke, MA), Sun Coast Calamari (Oxnard, CA) and The Town Dock (Narragansett, RI). They have joined forces in partnership with Bidfood (Australia), Cabomar (Spain), Congalsa (Spain), Export Packers (Canada), Grupo Alfrio (Spain), Sea Farms Ltd (UK) and Worldwide Fishing Company-WOFCO (Spain) to address IUU squid fishing through their global squid supply chains.

The Squid IUU Prevention Working Group was formed as part of SFP's [Global Squid Supply Chain Roundtable \(GS SR\)](#), which brings together squid producers and suppliers to work together in a pre-competitive environment to drive improvement efforts in squid fisheries practices, management and policy. As first receivers of processed squid products, the Working Group members are united in their desire to clearly prohibit IUU-sourced squid product and labor and human rights abuses in their supply chains.

“Given the latest news about the increase in risks associated with IUU fishing, as well as human rights violations and labor abuses in global squid supply chains, we need to act urgently to tackle and eradicate these problems,” said Carmen Gonzalez-Valles, SFP's markets engagement director for Europe. “This industry-led working group is a step forward that we hope will lay the foundations for future actions around the world.”

Over the next several months, the US companies will work together with their international peers and an independent consultant to develop a workplan for sharing information about IUU activities, engaging with experts to eliminate IUU-sourced raw material from their supply chains, and communicating with customers and suppliers about their commitment to combatting illegal squid fishing worldwide. While the participants' home countries already have programs in place to reduce IUU fishing, other areas of the world need additional education and support.

“I am proud to be working with such an esteemed group of companies under the guidance of SFP, said Crocker & Winsor Seafoods President Robert Hallion. “Our coalition will work with the entire supply chain to educate and support a fishery free from IUU.”



As part of the GS SR, the working group is currently working through the [Committee for the Sustainable Management of the South Pacific Jumbo Flying Squid \(CALAMASUR\)](#) to advocate for conservation management measures for jumbo flying squid at the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO), and is communicating with SPRFMO delegates to promote the sustainable harvest of this species in the region. Additional plans in other squid fisheries are being developed, and the working group will invite other squid producers and suppliers worldwide to join in the effort this year.

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#### **About Sustainable Fisheries Partnership**

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