

IUU Fishing, Working Conditions and the Spanish Seafood Industry

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The importance of supply chain due diligence

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Key Findings

- Spain is one of the best countries implementing the EU IUU Regulation
- Seafood Supply Chains remain exposed to risk of IUU caught fish
- Evidence suggests workers on IUU fishing vessels face greater exposure to poor labour conditions and human rights abuses
- Companies need a robust risk assessment and due diligence process



Key Findings (2)

- Spain imports large quantities of seafood from countries assessed as high risk of conducting IUU fishing
- High risk trade flows with carded countries
- Key species where problems may exist include
 - Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (some **Illegal** activity)
 - Swordfish (some **unreported** activity)
 - Squid (some **unregulated** activity)



Mitigation/Recommendations

- Companies should consider I, U and U in their due diligence procedures
- Companies should map out their supply chains (particularly for higher risk species)
- Companies should use existing voluntary tools such as PAS 1550 to help due diligence
- Companies should also apply the voluntary tools to combat human rights abuses in their supply chains



Summary

- Thorough and robust due diligence and mapping will:
 - Reduce the risk of exposure to IUU caught fish and Labour or Human Rights issues in supply chains
 - Encourage better/best practice across providers
 - Help governments identify areas for increased focus or action
 - Reduce reputational risk

