The UK Seafood Industry alliance is proud to support the GDST Standards and Guidelines for Interoperable Seafood Traceability Systems.

Our company members are importing, processing and distributing seafood from all over the world. Traceability data to track the origin of seafood and to follow its path along supply chains is provided in different formats and often paper-based which makes the sharing of data cumbersome. Robust traceability standards are urgently needed to support data-sharing along the supply chains, to comply with government import control regulations and to deliver transparency towards our clients.

The UK Seafood Industry Alliance clearly recognises the value of a common digital language for data to facilitate interoperability and verifiability. The GDST standards and guidelines when adapted universally within the Seafood industry will establish a common understanding which data needs to be shared, who needs to capture this data and how the data needs to be formatted to allow different traceability systems to talk to each other.

This unified approach will not only decrease our efforts and costs to provide the information that our businesses partners, governments and end-consumers ask for but will also allow to help ensure the legal origin of seafood. Equally important it will support our commitments on sustainability and social responsibility that the UK seafood industry has undertaken to secure our ocean resources and support the people worldwide which rely upon these resources.

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