

EU CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES

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Step of the food chain represented: Seafood processing sector

Who do you represent? 259 companies from the sea-industrial complex

ANFACO-CECOPESCA pledge to:

- **endorse the aspirational objectives set out in this Code:** Yes
- **promote and disseminate this Code with(in) their constituency/ies**

Regarding dissemination and promotion activities, on February 7, 2024, ANFACO-CECOPESCA issued a press release to Spanish media outlets. Simultaneously, the information was disseminated across our social media platforms, including Twitter and LinkedIn. Additionally, our governance bodies, comprising the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, representing 259 companies spanning the entire seafood industry value chain, were duly informed of the developments.

- **encourage their members to align their sustainability actions and/or business practices to the aspirational objectives and targets of the Code and invite them, on a voluntary basis, to adhere to this Code, as appropriate;**

ANFACO-CECOPESCA has taken proactive steps to inform its member companies about the recent signing of the "Code of Conduct for Responsible Business and Marketing Practices in the Food Sector" and its associated objectives. Through various communication channels and engagement initiatives, our organization has underscored the importance of aligning sustainability actions and business practices with the aspirational objectives and targets outlined in the Code. We have extended invitations to our members on a voluntary basis, encouraging them to adhere to the Code as appropriate, thus fostering a collective commitment to responsible practices within the food sector.

- **explore the possibility of developing sector-specific tools and resources in support of this Code;**

At present, ANFACO-CECOPESCA is not exploring the development of sector-specific tools and resources in support of the mentioned Code. However, we remain committed to promoting and adhering to its principles through our ongoing activities, collaborations, and advocacy efforts within the seafood industry. We continuously assess opportunities for future initiatives that align with our mission and objectives, including potential contributions to sector-specific tools and resources in the pursuit of responsible business practices.

- **continue to engage in dialogue with other food chain/systems actors and EU and international policy-makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange good practices and discuss challenges encountered, learn from each other (studies, projects) and create better mutual understanding, and identify opportunities for collaboration and potential partnership.**

ANFACO-CECOPESCA has recently engaged in constructive dialogue with various stakeholders within the food chain/systems and with EU and international policy-makers. A recent meeting held in Brussels saw a delegation comprising representatives from NGOs such as EJF and OCEANA, alongside key stakeholders from the value chain including EUROPECHE and ANFACO-CECOPESCA, convene with Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General of DG-MARE. The purpose of this meeting was to express grave concerns regarding ongoing negotiations of free trade agreements, particularly with countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines, and notably Thailand. There is apprehension that these negotiations may exploit the political shifts in the EU to advance technical measures that could undermine European interests under current trade policies. Moreover, there was a plea to avoid agreements that diminish Europe's global influence in combating IUU fishing.

In addition to these efforts, ANFACO-CECOPESCA consistently advocates for best commercial practices within the EU through engagement with various advisory councils such as the Market Advisory Council (MAC), Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council (LDAC), and South West Waters Advisory Council (CC Sud). We also actively participate in the European Tropical Tuna Committee (EUROTHON), which we currently chair, as well as in AIPCE (EU Fish Processors and Traders Association) and CEP (European Federation of National Organizations of Importers and Exporters of Fish), where we serve as vice-presidents, collaborating with other relevant industry associations.