



The Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard

RFVS is part of the Best Seafood Practices (BSP) program, the world's only third-party certification program capable of linking responsible fisheries to certified vessels and processing plants.

WHAT IS RFVS?

The Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard (RFVS) is the only vessel-level certification available on a global scale. The standard was created through a rigorous and transparent development process in compliance with the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) requirements. Input was incorporated from all sectors of the global seafood industry: catching, processing, retail, standard holders and non-government organizations (NGOs).

HOW TO APPLY

Email the BSP market development team at marketdev@bspcertification.org.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

RFVS ensures processes are in place so that crews are trained appropriately, are working in safe conditions and are treated fairly. It also ensures that they receive contracts, meals and rest time in suitable accommodations. It draws upon ILO c.188 and other global conventions for guidance. Vessels are assessed through an on-vessel audit, document review and crew interviews.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FISHING VESSELS?

Today's marketplace seeks seafood supply chains that are managed in a responsible way and this includes fishing vessels. RFVS verifies crew welfare on board, that the vessel is maintained in a safe manner and that the catch is fully traceable back to legal fisheries.



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