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Fair Trade USA™ is an award-winning, rigorous, and globally recognized sustainable sourcing certification program that improves livelihoods, protects the environment, and builds resilient, transparent supply chains. Our trusted Fair Trade Certified™ seal signifies that the product carrying it was made according to stringent fair trade standards. Fair Trade USA is building an innovative model of responsible business, conscious consumerism, and shared value to eliminate poverty and enable sustainable development for farmers, workers, their families, and communities around the world.

The Fair Trade Certified Seafood Program includes both the [Capture Fisheries Standard](#) as well as a recognition [policy](#) for aquaculture certification aligned with our best-in-class [Agricultural Production Standard](#). As an ISEAL code-compliant member, our certification standards are organized around the core Fair Trade USA principles that include Empowerment, Economic Development, Social Responsibility, and Environmental Stewardship.

The Fair Trade USA Capture Fisheries Standard protect the fundamental human rights of those involved in the fishery, with specific modules focused on protections against forced or child labor, and the promotion of worker health and safety. These Standards include criteria and indicators aligned with international standards, including the ILO's (International Labor Organization) Conventions, and further require that vessel practices are in line with UN Protocols to prevent human trafficking. Specific to Human Rights at Sea, the Capture Fisheries Standard includes modules that directly address Forced, Bonded, or Compulsory Labor, Protection of Children & Young Persons, Discrimination & Abuse, Freedom of Association, and Working conditions. These standards apply to registered fishers, crew members, and workers at any site included in the scope of the CFS Certificate.

We are pleased that Human Rights at Sea recognizes Fair Trade USA Seafood Certification Program as a leading example of ethical supply chain certification, social responsibility, and worker welfare.

For more information about Fair Trade USA's Certification Programs, please visit:
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