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GDST recognizes first software products for interoperable digital traceability

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Mabel Systems, Trace Register, Wholechain and Pacifical pass verification test

The Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST) announced on Tuesday that software products from three technology vendors and one seafood industry platform are capable of fully implementing GDST standards for interoperable digital traceability.

The software solutions – independently developed by Mabel Systems, Trace Register, Wholechain and Pacifical – have passed the GDST's **Capability Test** (https://traceability-dialogue.org/gdst-capability-test/gdst-capable-solutions/), a new online platform that allows businesses to verify whether software solutions can deliver on their promises of GDST compatibility. Products that pass this test can carry a "GDST Capable" logo.

Passing the Capability Test requires traceability software to demonstrate the ability to capture all data required by the GDST Standard, to receive and transmit data in the correct formats and to use a standardized communications protocol. Software systems that meet these requirements can easily interface with one another to support full-chain seafood traceability. The release of the Capability Test

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is the first of several planned tools and tests that the GDST aims to develop to help stakeholders effectively measure implementation claims and progress towards GDST commitments.

"Availability of the first software solutions to earn the 'GDST-Capable' logo represents a major advancement for digital seafood traceability," said Greg Brown, GDST executive director. "We now have a realistic way for industry to know if software is capable of fully implementing the GDST Standard. It is exciting and encouraging that it has only taken a short time for vendors and industry groups to bring GDST-capable products to market."

"As promoters of fully traceable sustainably caught tuna from the Pacific Island nations, we are proud to be the first supply chain organization in the entire seafood industry to be recognized as GDST capable," said Cynthia Asaf, COO at Pacifical. "We look forward to transferring this ability to all our partners producing or sourcing fully verified sustainable Pacifical tuna, and encourage all industry members to join this effort in making interoperable seafood traceability a reality."

"Mabel Systems, Trace Register, Wholechain, and Pacifical are the first to prove that they are listening to the seafood industry's unambiguous demands for GDST-capable technology," added Brown. "They are helping industry meet its commitments to traceability and the eradication of illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing."

In addition to bearing the GDST-Capable logo, these software solutions will receive recognition on the **GDST website (https://traceability-dialogue.org/)**.

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