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SFP toolkit aims to help seafood companies tackle environmental impact of aquafeeds

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Toolkit to increase transparency for aquaculture feed ingredients – ‘a critical step’ for seafood industry to improve sustainability

Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) has introduced the **[Aquaculture Feed Solutions Toolkit](https://sustainablefish.org/feed-solutions-toolkit/)** (<https://sustainablefish.org/feed-solutions-toolkit/>), which provides companies with a one-stop resource for addressing climate change, habitat and biodiversity risks associated with aquafeeds.

Designed to help seafood companies assess risks and make informed decisions, the toolkit aims to support sustainable practices across the industry. Funded by the Walmart Foundation, the toolkit includes more than 80 tools, standards, initiatives and platforms from various organizations, along with guidance and case studies outlining practical steps for improving aquafeed sustainability.

“We want all seafood companies to include aquaculture feed in their sustainability commitments and policies because feed poses significant environmental and climate challenges,” said Paul Bulcock, aquaculture information manager at SFP. “Addressing this issue, along with continued improvements in



Sustainable Fisheries Partnership aims to increase the transparency of aquafeed ingredients and help improve seafood sustainability. Photo by Cecep Risnandar.

farm planning and management, will enhance aquaculture's role as a low-carbon, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible food source."

While multiple tools, standards and improvement initiatives have already been developed to assist the seafood supply chain in meeting the challenge of feed sustainability, the Feed Solutions Toolkit represents the first time these resources have been curated in one place.

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Aquaculture now produces more than half of the world's seafood, helping meet global demand and offering a lower-carbon option compared to other animal products. However, aquaculture feed has a major environmental impact, contributing to issues like deforestation, overfishing and pollution. Feed production alone accounts for up to 70 to 80 percent of aquaculture's carbon footprint and up to 90

percent of impacts like land and water use. Major suppliers and retailers, including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Thai Union and Walmart, have already set goals to enhance the sustainability of the aquafeed used in their products.

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