

BIM EMFAF Work Programme Project Report 2022

BENEFICIARY:	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER:	22/KGS/STS-BG010-BR097
NAME OF PROJECT:	Sustainability Standard Programme
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:	1st January to 31st December 2022

Project Scope

The existing Responsibly Sourced Seafood (RSS) scheme addresses target requirements of Certified Raw Material Sourcing and Sustainability Initiatives as required by Bord Bia's Origin Green. BIM's RSS scheme is a product certification system. This will be revised and incorporated into the new sustainability standard as part of this project.

Objectives

Following the production of an initial draft, BIM is now seeking to work with Bord Bia to understand the logo/branding opportunities and then to finalise and operationalise an accredited certification standard which delivers meaningful volume of products while allowing Irish producers to differentiate themselves. In parallel existing standards need to be maintained until the new standard is in place. The project has continued to support the Irish wild caught fisheries sector with the Responsibly Sourced Seafood scheme while the new standard is being developed.

Outcomes

BIM has met with Bord Bia on the co-ordination of the new seafood standard with the Bord Bia certification systems. The new standard has been designed to harmonise with the standards and use the same architecture and accreditation process. This is with a view to associating the seafood standard with the Bord Bia certification logo in due course to establish it as a promotional tool for the sector.

While these changes are ongoing to the certification process, a total of four Brown Crab vessels and 21 Refrigerated Sea Water (RSW) vessels were audited in 2022. These were surveillance audits verifying continued compliance with the RSS Standard Issue 3 Revision 4 2017. The online app developed as part of a previous EMFF project continues to be used by the fleet as an effective document management tool.



Summary of Project Spend

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Total Approved Costs	€40,000
Total Eligible Expenditure	€38,868
EMFAF Eligible Expenditure	€19,434
Exchequer	€19,434

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