

FISH Platform

FISHING INDUSTRY SAFETY AND HEALTH



A Safer Future for Fishing

FISH Platform is the world leading group of fishing safety experts with over 100 members in 32 countries. All our participants share our aim to save lives in fishing and improve health and safety of commercial fishers around the world.



Improving safety for 39 million fishers

About FISH Platform

FISH Platform was set up in 2012 to achieve more cooperation between countries to ensure continuous improvement of the safety and health of fishers globally.

Our Aim

FISH Platform aims to represent the 39 million fishers in the world and save lives by:

- » Putting fishers first in the work of FISH Platform
- » Initiating and supporting improved international base line standards in relation to safety and health of fishing vessel personnel
- » Supporting seafood supply chain transparency and accountability for safety and ethical standards
- » To support activities that eliminate IUU fishing in relation to safety and health of fishing vessel personnel
- » To engage the participation of stakeholders in the fishing industry around the world
- » To share information that contributes to improving the safety and health of fishers on board

Sustainability is not only about the planet and profit but also about people. Fishers should be recognized as key actors in securing healthy and nutritious food. They perform an essential role that benefits us all, and their work deserves to be appreciated and valued for the vital contribution they make to our society.

Cor Blonk, Chair of FISH Platform



There are 39 million fishers worldwide
*Figures from Food & Agriculture Organization of United Nations



67% of fishing vessels are in Asia,
20% in Africa and 10% in the Americas



73% of fishers in the world have never received any safety training
*LRF World Risk Poll 2024



FISH Platform Work

To reach our members and stakeholders, meetings are held around the world. In addition, the FISH Platform organises conferences focussing on specific regions and issues at play in the region where the conference is being held.

Members participate in a range of working groups to contribute to key topics and updates for international safety regulations including:

- » Data Standardisation and incident reporting in global fishing
- » Stability of commercial fishing vessels
- » Functional fishing vessel construction standards
- » STCW revision, as some member states apply this convention to fishing vessels
- » Safety of navigation in and near offshore wind sites
- » STCW-F Model courses

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

FISH Platform members are the expert decision makers for The International Fund for Fishing Safety.

The grant panel awarded £220,000 of funding to fishing safety initiatives in 2024 and we are speaking with applicants from all over the world.



Need Help Applying?

Please get in touch with FISH Platform secretariat: Alan.McCulla@FishPlatform.org



Over £220,000 given in grants to fishing safety in 2024



Applications to fund fishing safety in 20 countries so far



65,000 Fishers directly supported in 2024 by grants from IFFS

Become a FISH Platform member

Are you passionate about making fishing safer for all?
Then consider joining FISH Platform.

FISH Platform is the world-leading group of experts involved in safety and health in the fishing industry.

Membership is free to participants with an interest in the safety and health of fishers.



Find out about membership at:

www.fishplatform.org

Apply For Funding

We want to hear from you if you have a project which needs funding.

We are speaking to people all over the world and we can help you with your application.



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