



Marine Ingredients

Position Statement

This position statement outlines BioMar's requirements for sourcing marine ingredients. All BioMar suppliers must also comply with the *Responsible Sourcing Policy* and *Code of Conduct for Suppliers*. In addition to these internal requirements, BioMar is committed to sourcing marine ingredients that meet the needs of our customers certified to best-practice industry standards, such as Global G.A.P, Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), and Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC).

Scope

In scope of this position statement are all ingredients deriving from whole fish, fish by-products, molluscs, and crustaceans. The requirements in this position statement must be fulfilled by all BioMar business units by Q2 2023. For BioMar business units manufacturing ASC feed, compliance must be achieved by the ASC transition period end-date. Future additions to the BioMar Group of companies will have 24 months to reach compliance, following a regionally appropriate action plan signed by executive management.



Legal Requirements

All source fisheries must pass the BioMar Due Diligence Assessment Methodology (BioMar DD) for marine ingredients, be enrolled in a verified Fishery Improvement Project, or be certified to an ISEAL standard (currently MarinTrust or MSC). We commit to sourcing marine ingredients originating from fisheries under the management of Fisheries Science organizations (i.e., IMR, ICES, FAO, IMARPE, SERNAPESCA) when possible. All fisheries, production facilities, and storage/transport facilities supplying marine ingredients must be in compliance with the laws and regulations of the country of production and the country of destination.

No marine ingredients shall be sourced from IUU fisheries or from species classified as endangered or critically endangered on the IUCN Red List or listed under any CITES Appendix. We expect that all possible measures are taken to manage and minimize by-catch including specific actions to protect vulnerable by-catch populations. Furthermore, no illegal transshipment practices are allowed.

Any non-compliance with the above requirements due to gross negligence will be considered a material breach of contract.

Sustainable use of Marine Ingredients

BioMar commits to source marine ingredients that can be certified and verified as sustainable. We recognize the global need to increase the amount of certified material from responsible fisheries and therefore actively participate in fishery improvement programmes.

BioMar commits to annually source at least 80% of our marine ingredients from MSC, MarinTrust, FIP's with recent progress based on validated methodology

(Sustainable Fisheries Partnership or MarinTrust Improver Programme), or trimmings/by-products compliant with the ASC family of standards.

Trimmings and by-products are a very important part of BioMar's circular and restorative strategy towards 2030, and we are continuously increasing the inclusion of circular marine ingredients. BioMar's ambition is to source 100% of our marine ingredients according to the above-mentioned responsible fisheries by 2030, whilst demonstrating continuous improvement compared to a 2020 baseline for all units.

Traceability Verification

Suppliers are required to submit species inclusion levels with percentage split, FAO major catch and sub-area, fishing gear type, country of landing, and certification level for each delivery of marine ingredients to BioMar. Furthermore, species name must be provided by scientific name (Latin) and each volume must be declared to originate from either whole fish or trimmings/by-products. For suppliers reporting MSC volumes, the MSC fishery and certificate number must be stated. All producers of marine ingredients must provide documentation stating that the landed catch does not originate from IUU fisheries.

If the BioMar supplier of certified marine ingredients is different from producer, then the supplier must have a MarinTrust/MSC Chain of Custody or verified traceability system.

We recognize that not all suppliers have this level of traceability at the time of publication. For suppliers unable to provide this level of detail, a transition period will be allowed from the time of publication until ultimo 2022. We commit to ensure a high level of governance on traceability and have included scientific methodologies to support this.



Definition list

ASC

Aquaculture Stewardship Council

BAP

Best Aquaculture Practices

CITES

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (cites.org)

FAO

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries - Special Edition (fao.org)

FIP

Fishery Improvement project

Global G.A.P

Global Good Agricultural Practices

ICES

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

ISEAL

International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labeling

IMARPE

The Instituto del Mar del Peru

IMR

Institute of Marine Research

MSC

Marine Stewardship Council

IUCN

The International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

IUU

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated

SERNAPESCA

El Servicio Nacional de Pesca

References

Internal

BioMar Group Code of Conduct for Suppliers

BioMar Group Vegetable Ingredients Position Statement

BioMar Group Responsible Sourcing Policy

BioMar Group Sustainability Report

External

Aquaculture Industry standards

- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
- Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP)
- MarinTrust
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

Global Good Agriculture Practices (Global G.A.P)

El Servicio Nacional de Pesca (SERNAPESCA)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Institute of Marine Research (IMR)

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labeling (ISEAL)

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



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