

## Sustainability

The Blue Sea Food Company is an environmentally conscious organisation and as such we acknowledge the potential impact that our operations may have on the sustainability of the UK and EU crab fishery, fishing communities and the marine environment.

As an organisation, we are committed to ensuring that we comply with all current and future obligations (legal and otherwise); including codes of practice and guidance produced by regulatory bodies and specific standards, relating to sustainability.

We are actively engaged with suppliers, customers, government and agencies such as MCS and MSC to ensure the long-term sustainability of our fisheries and fishing communities.

## Animal Welfare

The Blue Sea Food Company is committed to ensuring the welfare of the animals we handle. We endeavour to employ practices designed to reduce stress to the animal and to maximise the survival of crabs and lobsters as they move through the supply chain. Keeping animals alive and in good condition is important for economic and food quality reasons and, as the London School of Economics (LSE) 2022 sentience report shows, also for the welfare of these animals. Therefore, this policy applies to all geographies, species and products handled by the company.

We are engaged with SEAFISH, The Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB) and Crustacean Compassion in developing codes of best practice to help protect the welfare of shellfish across the supply chain.

We will actively promote best practice through our choice of supplier, agreed standards and specifications and by implementation of our welfare procedures.

As an organisation, we are committed to ensuring that we comply with all obligations (legal and otherwise); including codes of practice and guidance produced by regulatory bodies and specific standards, relating to animal welfare.

This policy has been established and agreed by the company's senior management who fully support its implementation and are responsible for ensuring that it is communicated, understood and implemented at all levels within the organisation.

**Signed:**



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David Markham - Managing Director on behalf of The Blue Sea Food Company