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Nutreco and Skretting release new policy for responsibly sourcing marine feed ingredients

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Policy to guide sourcing decisions and aligns with Nutreco's Sustainability RoadMap 2025 goals

Nutreco and Skretting have published a [new responsible sourcing policy](https://www.skretting.com/siteassets/20220303-skretting-marine-sourcing-policy-final.pdf?v=49366f) (<https://www.skretting.com/siteassets/20220303-skretting-marine-sourcing-policy-final.pdf?v=49366f>) to guide decisions about the type of marine ingredients that can be sourced for its global operations. The 21-page policy is part of a wider effort to “protect the ocean and ensure that fish stocks intended for direct or indirect human consumption are caught within clearly defined, sustainable limits.”

“We’re taking a critical step forward in outlining a clear path to attaining our RoadMap 2025 targets for marine ingredients,” said Jose Villalon, corporate sustainability director for Nutreco. “This marine ingredient sourcing policy sets a milestone in industry transparency and traceability in the very complex value chain of sourcing marine ingredients.”

Nutreco’s Sustainability RoadMap 2025 aims to ensure that Skretting sources marine feed ingredients that are 100 percent certified or originating from a fishery improvement project for its global operations. It also strives to ensure that all the fishmeal and fish oil used to produce feed originate from fisheries



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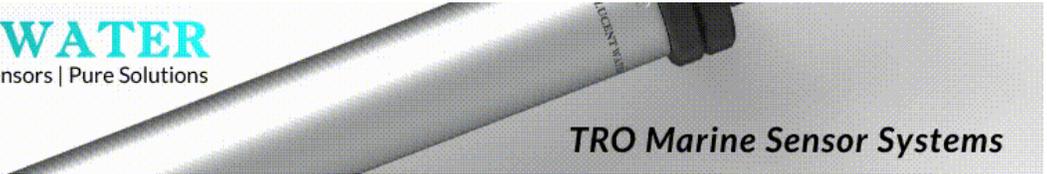
that are managed according to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. As part of this effort, the policy addresses the following key areas:

- Specific criteria on what to buy according to five sustainability classes of marine ingredients coming from whole fish, byproducts from wild fish catch and by-products from aquaculture, aligned with the most important fishery management certifications in the industry.
- Clear purchasing targets for each sustainability class defined, both the relative share of purchases and a defined timeline to reach the ambitions set in Nutreco's Sustainability RoadMap 2025.
- Mapping of countries identified with a high risk of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities. Marine ingredients from these countries cannot be sourced unless they come from the highest sustainability classes. The policy in this area supports Nutreco and Skretting's commitment and work in SeaBOS.
- Mapping of countries identified with a high risk of forced labour on board fishing vessels. For these countries, there are additional requirements for marine ingredient manufacturers.

In 2021, 80 percent of fishmeal and fish oil originating from whole fish and by-products that were purchased by Skretting came from fisheries certified according to the MarineTrust or MSC programmes, or from fisheries that were part of a MarineTrust Fishery Improvement Programme (FIP) – a step forward compared to the 69 percent reported in 2020. Further details will be shared in the next Skretting Sustainability Report.



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Read the **Marine Ingredients Responsible Sourcing Policy**.

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