

FISH WISE



Newsletter

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Happy 2019!

In this month's newsletter we offer the latest on our SALT project; share insights from a recent women in seafood leadership conference; connect the subject of sustainable seafood to the Olympics in Japan; share insights from our staff's various learning journeys to San Diego, Honolulu, and Indonesia; share an article about the importance of gender in ocean conservation, and more. Read on!

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SALT's Latest Efforts



Since Fall 2017, FishWise has been leading the [Seafood Alliance for Legality and Traceability \(SALT\)](#) initiative, a global alliance for knowledge exchange and action to promote legal and sustainable fisheries through improved transparency in seafood supply chains. Many of you have joined the SALT community and are eager to become more involved.

SALT will be hosting a collaboration and learning event called PartnerLab in Bangkok, Thailand February 11-12. This event will provide an opportunity for education and multi-stakeholder collaboration that will leverage the numerous seafood traceability efforts

occurring around the globe. This event will immediately precede the [Seafood and Fisheries Emerging Technologies Conference](#), occurring at the same venue as our PartnerLab.

Please contact SALT@fishwise.org if you would like more information.

Women in Seafood Leadership



If you've ever attended a seafood industry event, such as Seafood Expo North America, aka the Boston Seafood Show (or most any big industry event, for that matter), you might have noticed that historically, the majority of attendees are um, well... male.

This dynamic is changing - a fact noted at IntraFish's recent [Women in Seafood Leadership Summit](#) in San Diego, CA.

[Read more.](#)

Japanese Soul Food: Japan Progresses Towards More Sustainable Seafood



The year 2020 represents something different to each of us, and for many it may have no significance at all. But in Tokyo, 2020 is the year that city and its citizens will be hosting the next Summer Olympic Games. With less than two years to go, the city and Olympic Game organizers are pushing for sustainability to be top-of-mind at this Olympic Games, and seafood will be no exception.

To help support this goal, [Seafood Legacy](#) and its co-organizers, the Walton Family Foundation and David and Lucile Packard Foundation, hosted the fourth annual [Tokyo Sustainable Seafood Symposium](#) this past November. This impressive event brought together Japanese and global business leaders, academics, NGOs, and government officials to discuss sustainable seafood and responsible fisheries management in Japan. As the third largest seafood importing country in the world, Japan is home to a culture with significant ties to seafood and a place where fish is considered soul food. Given the cultural and dietary importance of seafood in Japan, the symposium organizers are committed to making it available and sustainable for the 2020 Olympic Games and beyond.

[Read more.](#)

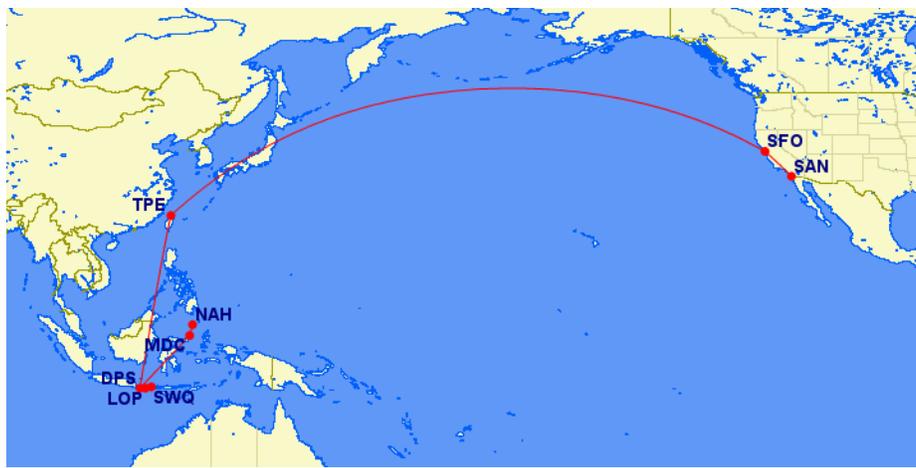
WCPFC Agrees to Voluntary Labor Standards for Crews



Two members of FishWise's tuna team, Elsie Tanadjaja and Kathleen Mullen-Ley, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii, in December 2018 to attend the annual meeting of the [Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission \(WCPFC\)](#). Elsie and Kathleen were excited to gain a better understanding of the players and processes involved in managing Pacific tuna stocks at the international level.

[Read more](#) about FishWise activities at the Commission's meeting.

Round the World in 26 Days



From San Diego to Sulawesi to Sumbawa and back, this fall saw Project Director Erin Taylor on a whirlwind tour of diverse seafood perspectives. In this special report, she and fellow traveler Senior Project Manager Alanna Gisondo shares some snapshots from their learning journey.

[Read more.](#)

An Article of Interest...



We want to share an interesting piece by [Marine Ecosystems and Management](#) that dives into the importance of considering gender when approaching ocean conservation. It offers interesting statistics around the where, why, and how women work in fisheries.

Dr. Danika Kleiber is quoted in the article: *"If we only think of fishing as men in boats pulling nets out of the water, we're missing half the story. When we only tell half the story we're in danger of underestimating how many animals are being caught, what types of animals are being caught, and why types of habitats are important for fishing. Not only that, we're missing how families feed themselves, how they pay for school or health care, or how they share with their neighbors. When we miss half the story we are more likely to make fishing and conservation management decisions that don't work."*

[Read more.](#)



Ever wonder about the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act - more commonly referred to as the "Magnuson Act"? A recent article by Civil Eats, "Sustainable Fisheries Management in the Legislative Crosshairs" offers helpful insights into some of the ways the 1976 legislation works and the changes brought into effect by the recently passed Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act (aka the "Modern Fish Act").

[Read article.](#)

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This is FishWise's vision. We invite you to be a part of taking us all closer to making it real.

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