

**Greetings!**

In this month's newsletter we highlight news from the Issara Institute on labor recruitment as well as FishWise attendance at the Innovation Forum in London & the Slow Fish San Francisco conference.

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**New Research and Program on Labor Recruitment in Southeast Asia from Issara Institute**

[Issara Institute](#) has just released a new report on labor recruitment from Myanmar to Thailand. "[Developing a Financially Viable Ethical Recruitment Model](#)" demonstrates that migrant workers shoulder the bulk of formal and informal recruitment and migration costs, and proposes a sustainable financial partnership model for businesses to strengthen ethical recruitment on the ground. In conjunction with this report, Issara has also developed a [Worker-Voice Driven Ethical Recruitment Program](#) and diagnostic tool to help retailers, suppliers, and importers to improve recruitment practices within their supply chains. For inquiries about the report and program, please contact [info@issarainstitute.org](mailto:info@issarainstitute.org).

**Innovation Forum London: How Business Can Tackle Modern Slavery and Forced Labor**



Human Rights Project Manager Cora Sorenson had the opportunity to attend Innovation Forum's two-day event "[How Business can Tackle Modern Slavery and Forced Labor](#)" this March 7- 8th in London. The event brought together stakeholders from a variety of sectors to discuss the challenges and solutions for addressing the risk of forced labor and modern slavery in supply chains. Companies such as Tesco, Marks and Spencer, H&M, and Unilever shared their efforts to combat these risks, while voices such as the International Labour Organization and the Ethical Trading Initiative highlighted continued vulnerabilities for workers.

Read more on our blog [here](#).

**FishWise at Slow Fish San Francisco 2018**



Communications Project Manager Chase Martin and Business Engagement Project Director Michelle Berizthoff-Law attended the [Slow Fish 2018](#) conference in San Francisco on April 14-16. Organized by the larger [Slow Food](#) movement, Slow Fish aims to shorten the links between fisherpeople and consumers, connecting people directly to those who catch their seafood. Attended by fisherpeople from across the country, NGOs, and other industry members, the conference kicked off with a Seafood Showdown public cooking event, followed by an oyster happy hour. The following days focused heavily on bolstering local U.S. fisheries and how consumer purchasing power can help support American fisherpeople and communities. After interesting discussions around success stories in the slow fish movement and the work that still needs to be done, the takeaway was clear - take care of the fish and those whose livelihoods revolve around them, and they'll take care of us.

Read more on our blog [here](#).

### **In Case You Missed It...**

The crew of the NOAA vessel Okeanos Explorer came across a very interesting deep-sea squid in April. Read more from National Geographic [here](#).



If you have questions, comments, or would like to contribute to the FishWise Newsletter please [contact me](#).

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