

Fish & Kids

Taking sustainable seafood to the foodservice sector

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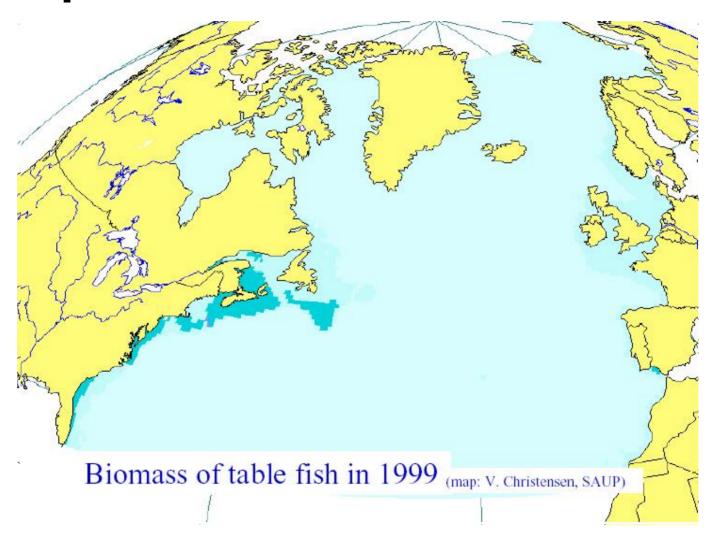
A Major Global Problem

- 70-80% of the world's fish stocks are fully exploited, over-exploited, depleted or in recovery
- 25% of all fish caught is discarded dead or dying
- From 1950 to 2000, world fish production increased from 8m to 93m MT
- The world seafood industry provides 200 million jobs around the world
- 1 billion people in Asia and one out of five Africans depend on ocean fish for their entire supply of protein





Example: The North Atlantic





The MSC

- Eco-label acts as a incentive for consumers and reward for responsible fishing
- Started by WWF and Unilever in 1997, independent since 1999
- Global, non-profit organisation
- Non-campaigning
- An environmental organisation that works with industry, not against it
- Fisheries measured against a rigorous environmental standard based on the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries







The MSC Standard: Three Main Principles







Fully Certified Fisheries

Alaska Pollock* – 1 600 000 MT

Alaska **Salmon** (all species) – 332 498 MT

New Zealand Hoki – 200 000 MT

South African Hake – 166 000 MT

Western Australia Rock Lobster – 10 750 MT

Southwest Handline Mackerel – 1 750 MT

Thames **Herring** – 121 MT

Loch Torridon **Nephrops** – 150 MT

Burry Inlet Cockles – 7 135 MT

South Georgia **Toothfish** – 4 500 MT

Hastings Fishing Fleet **Dover sole** – 40 MT

Hastings Fishing Fleet **pelagic** – 80 MT

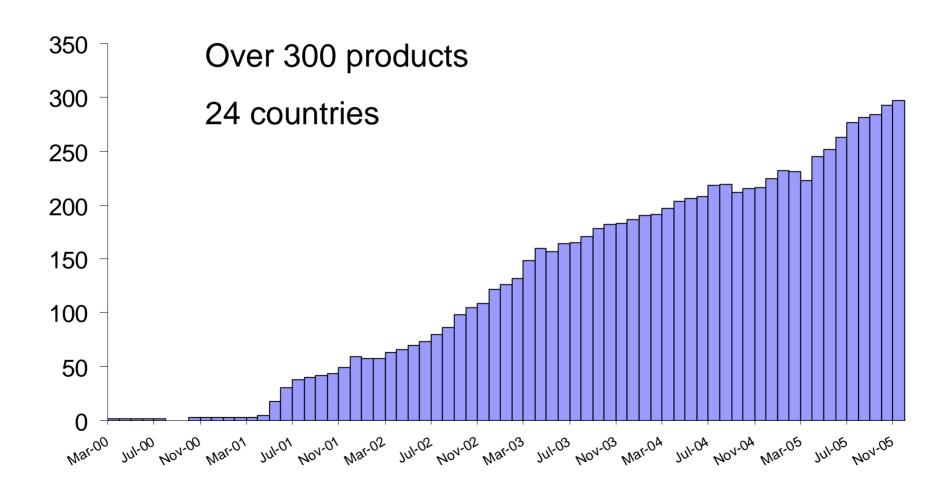
Mexican Baja California Spiny Lobster – 1 300 MT







MSC-labelled products as at November 2005





The best environmental choice in seafood



Fish & Kids project

- 3 year project (Apr 2005-2008)
- Funded by Defra's Environmental Action Fund
- Working with foodservice in UK including distributor, education and restaurant sectors
- Seeks to:
 - Increase awareness of sustainable seafood issues
 - Increase availability of sustainable options
 - Provide a credible way of tracing the products from boat to plate





Why this project?

- Foodservice consumption is nearly 30% of consumer food spend
- Reach consumers at a young age/pester power
- Media spotlight on school meals
- Defra's Public Sector Food Procurement Initiative
- Introduce new certified species to the UK market
- Production to consumption: boat to plate





Progress – key steps

Year 1

- 1. Establish major foodservice partner
- 2. Establish education partner (Surrey County Council) and commercial restaurant partners
- 3. Develop supply chain
 - New Product Development
 - Chain of Custody (traceability) pilots
- 4. Prepare communications materials including brand

Year 2

- 1. Complete foodservice case studies
- 2. Launch project and roll-out across England





Develop supply chain

New Product Development

- Work with foodservice
- Move with the times –
 healthy, kid friendly products







Chain of Custody

- Third party verification of traceability
- Pilot to ensure process is user-friendly
- Provide clear guidance



Prepare communication material

- The 'Brand'
- Website
 - Fun and games plus educational info for kids
 - Downloadable resource for teachers
 - > Where to buy' info for parents
- Guidance & Information
 - > Teachers
 - > Parents
 - Foodservice managers





The future?

- Fish & Kids running successful in the UK
 - ✓ Expanded MSC product range and increased uptake in schools/restaurants
 - ✓ Increased consumer awareness of eco-label
- Fish & Kids replicated in other countries
 - ✓ UK project as an example
 - ✓ Outreach to foodservice across Europe and USA
- MSC-labelled seafood available in schools and restaurants across Europe & USA





Thank you



Any Questions?

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