



Future of Fish SALT Small Grant - Comprehensive ROI for eCDT systems

Background:

SALT has four main objectives:

1. Expand accessible, interoperable, and electronic catch documentation and traceability (eCDT) systems for wild capture fisheries and aquaculture.
2. Increase the capacity of seafood-producing countries to adopt catch documentation and traceability systems to strengthen fishery management and verify fisheries data.
3. Increase incentives and capacities for the seafood industry to adopt electronic traceability to ensure the legality of wild-caught fisheries products in their supply chains.
4. Identify ways in which the implementation of eCDT can support human and labor rights for all seafood workers, food security, livelihoods, and well-being.

In the first two years of the project, SALT stakeholders identified focus areas requiring collaboration that would make progress toward digitizing seafood traceability worldwide.

- Incentivizing eCDT: What hinders or helps groups to select a system of traceability that uses electronic data, starts at harvest, and benefits multiple groups (such as fisheries managers or human rights groups).
- Comprehensive eCDT Principles: When designing a system of electronic traceability that is inclusive of multiple stakeholders, what are the guidelines and best practices to follow?

Small Grants Program:

SALT completed an open and competitive selection for small grants awards. SALT is a collaboration and learning project therefore the small grant projects are intended to advance learning for the eCDT field overall.

Future of Fish:

Over the course of the next year, Future of Fish shall:

1. Create a target list of potential metrics for social and environmental return on investment (ROI) within the seafood industry, with a focus on the first mile of the supply chain.
2. Vet these metrics through interviews with experts from analogous industries.
3. Develop a realistic methodology for how companies and government agencies can best capture these metrics.
4. Develop a tool prototype using human-centered design.
5. Work collaboratively with stakeholders in government to test the applicability and relevance of the identified metrics for measuring and calculating ROI to refine the proposed methodology and tool.
6. Present and solicit feedback on the refined prototype methodology and tool at a seafood industry event.

