



# FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE POLICY OF THE CASINO GROUP

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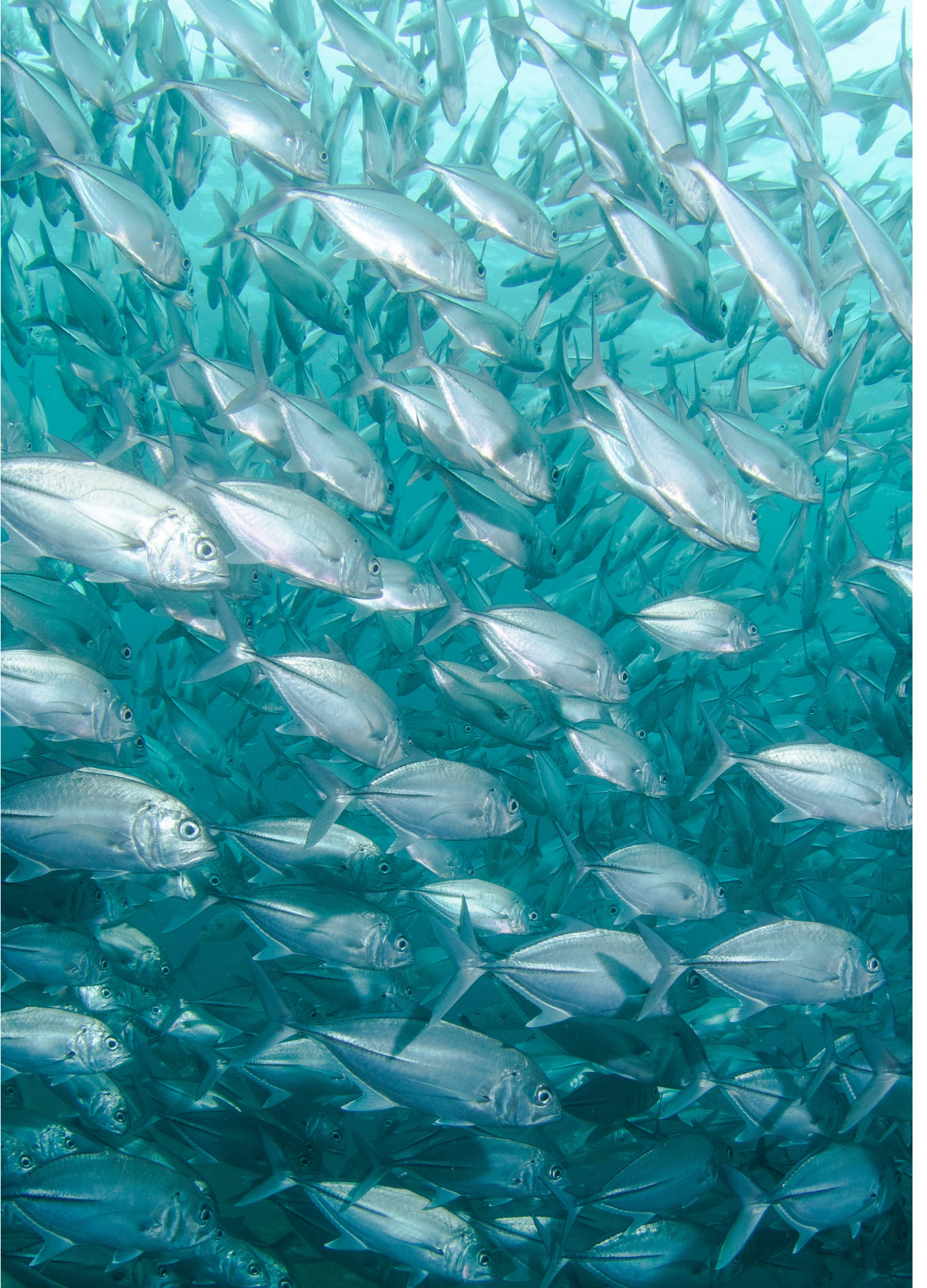




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**The Casino Group's Social, Societal and Environmental Responsibility policy aims to deliver responsible consumption patterns and to improve the sustainability of its business model by underpinning the trust of the key stakeholders with whom it is engaged in constant dialogue.**







# THE ISSUES

The oceans which cover

# 70%

of the Earth's surface play a major role in our ecosystem.

This is because they produce more than half of the Earth's oxygen, are one of its main carbon sinks and thus help regulate the climate by absorbing almost a third of the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by humans each year<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The first global integrated marine assessment, UN environment 2016

<sup>2</sup> The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture, FAO 2020

At the same time, many people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity to meet their food needs. The marine environment is under threat from a variety of pressures (pollution, overfishing, tourism development, effects of climate change, etc.).

**Today, more than**

# 30%

wild fish stocks are thought to be overexploited<sup>2</sup>.

# THE COMMITMENTS

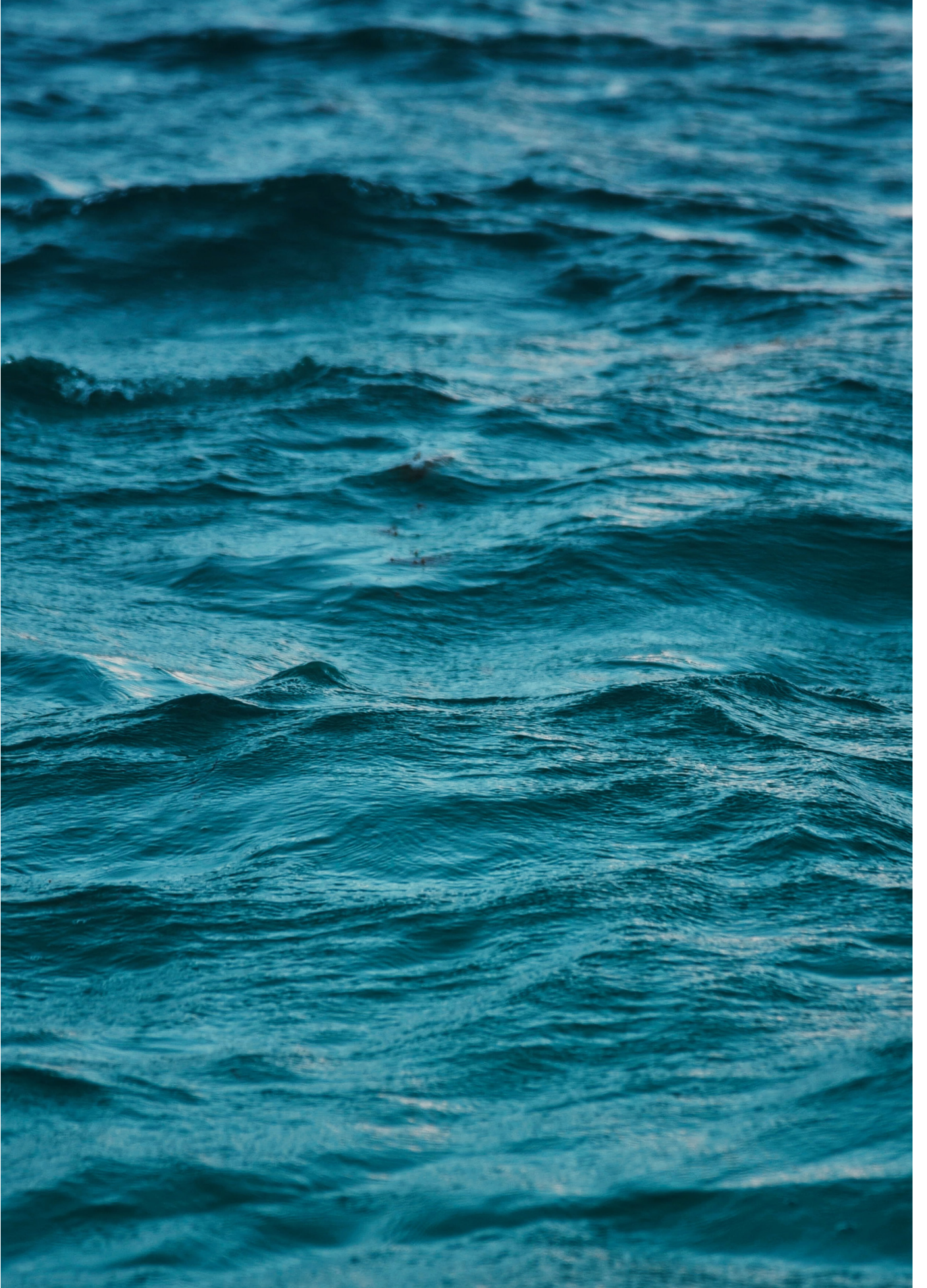
*Mindful of its role as a responsible retailer, Groupe Casino has been striving for several years to promote more responsible fishing and aquaculture by committing to:*

**1. PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES BASED ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND BY LIMITING NON-SELECTIVE FISHING GEAR**

**2. DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE AQUACULTURE BY INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF CERTIFIED PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPING SUPPLY CHAINS**

**3. OFFERING NON-ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FISH**

**4. SUPPORTING LOCAL FISHERIES**





# OFFERING PRODUCTS THAT RESPECT RESOURCES AND THE SEASONS

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**For many years, the Group has been committed to improving its seafood offering.**

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Several measures to protect fish stocks have been taken, in particular by phasing out the marketing of the most threatened deep-sea species: orange roughy, blue ling, scabbardfish, grenadier, cusk and blackspot sea bream from January 2020, as well as other vulnerable species including eel, elver, black dogfish, hake and, since 2017, the tope shark and blue shark. Casino limits its supply of bluefin tuna to line-caught bluefin tuna only, in order to facilitate its replenishment.

Finally, in view of the need to rebuild stocks, as highlighted by scientific advice, Casino and Monoprix have undertaken not to sell seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) during the months of January, February and March, the reproduction period. These responsible decisions promote the replenishment of this species.



# PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

The Group's banners pledge to provide their customers with products from responsible fishing.

## Favouring fishing methods that respect the marine environment

In 2018, the Group's banners took a stand against electric fishing and do not sell species caught using this technique.

## Proposing MSC-certified products

The Group has a range of MSC-certified products. This certification guarantees the sustainable management of fish stocks while respecting the marine environment.

More than  
**100**

own-brand MSC-certified products

Up to  
**60**

ASC-certified products on 550 own-branded seafood products



## Improving the sustainability of tuna

Tuna is a common source of protein for people. In recent years, tuna catches have increased and endangered stocks of some species in several areas. Yellowfin tuna is one of the most heavily fished tuna species in the world. In several fishing areas, the stock has reached levels where it cannot be sufficiently replenished. Moreover, the seafood industry and particularly canned tuna, creates risks in terms of working conditions and supply (overfishing). Therefore, in order to promote more sustainable fishing,

*The Casino Group is committed to its own brands :*

- 1. FIGHTING AGAINST ILLEGAL FISHING BY ENSURING THAT THE FISHING VESSELS SUPPLYING THE BANNERS ARE NOT ON THE IUU VESSEL LIST (LIST OF VESSELS PRESUMED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING ACTIVITIES)**



## 2. IMPROVING TRACEABILITY AND GOOD FISHING PRACTICES BY :

- encouraging suppliers to join the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) and to use fish caught by vessels listed on the Proactive Vessel Register (PVR);
- prohibiting the most destructive fishing techniques, in particular longline fishing;
- defining demanding specifications: for its own brands, whole yellowfin tuna weighing more than 20kg are used for better traceability and avoiding catching juvenile fish;
- reinforcing its risk prevention actions for canned tuna sold under its own brand. The Casino Group has joined the TUPA (TUNA Protection Alliance) working group coordinated by the Earthworm Foundation. This working group which includes retailers and manufacturers operating on the French market, seeks to steer the industry towards more responsible fishing and supply of tuna. To achieve this, the working group uses tools to map the canned tuna value chain of the different stakeholders.



## 3. ALLOCATING SUPPLIES TO DIFFERENT FISHING AREAS TO LIMIT THE PRESSURE ON STOCKS;

## 4. ENABLING MORE RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION BY:

- improving consumer information (indication of the species and the fishing ocean on the packaging);
- tuning the offer in shops to the resources available;
- not increasing the yellowfin tuna offer

## 5. PROMOTING A SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF TUNA

- Franprix and Monoprix offer a range of own-brand canned yellowfin tuna with the Pavillon France label, purse seine fished on free schools (guaranteed without FADs). In addition, all Franprix own-brand tuna (groceries, smoked and frozen foods) are caught without fish aggregating devices (FADs).
- The Casino brands offer a yellowfin tuna, fished with a pole and line, a more environmentally friendly fishing technique. The following target has also been set by the end of 2022 for Casino's own-brand and everyday products (canned goods):
  - Guarantee that at least 85% of yellowfin tuna is caught on free schools



# DEVELOPING MORE RESPONSIBLE AQUACULTURE

Fish farming has grown considerably in recent years. If aquaculture is too intensive, it can have impacts on the environment, particularly in terms of water pollution and the uncritical use of antibiotics.

## Expanding the range of organic or ASC-labelled products

The group's banners have a whole host of organic and ASC-labelled products.

The specifications for organic aquaculture aim to ensure that fish are farmed with minimum inputs and the least possible impact on the aquatic environment. ASC- certified farms are committed to protecting the environment, biodiversity and water resources, and improving the working conditions of their employees.

For example, Monoprix has only organically farmed fish or fish from Monoprix chains in its seafood section. Furthermore, all the organic shrimps and prawns in the seafood section are extensive farmed, raised without antibiotics and fed without any supplementary feed: they feed on what is in the reservoir. Franprix only offers own-brand organic or ASC-labelled farmed fish in its frozen food section.





## Developing more responsible chains

The group's banners have developed chains in partnership with their suppliers.

*Thus Monoprix has*

1. **CREATED CHAINS INCLUDING ANTIBIOTICS, FROM SEA FARMING WITH MORE ATTENTION PAID TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN TERMS OF WATER QUALITY, DURATION OF FASTING, STUNNING AND SLAUGHTER METHOD.**

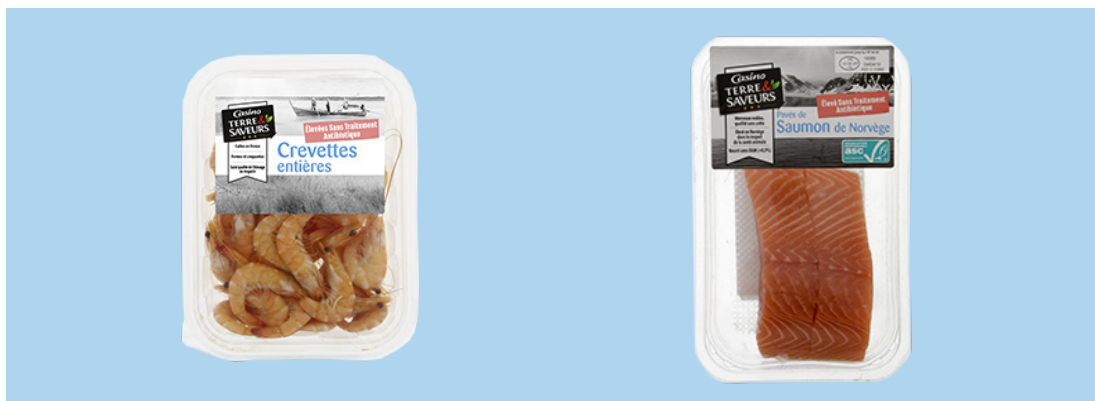


2. **DEVELOPED AN AGRICULTURAL SHRIMP/PRAWN CHAIN, FED WITH THE ORGANISMS IN THE RESERVOIRS AND RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS**

3. **TOGETHER WITH ITS PARTNER, SUPPORTED A CHAIN OF SMOKED SALMON FROM SELECTED AND ASC-CERTIFIED FARMS. THE SALMON IS FED WITHOUT GMOS (<0.9%), GUARANTEED WITHOUT FISH RAISED IN AQUACULTURE (SEA BASS, SALMON AND TROUT), FED GMO-FREE FEED (<0.9%), WITHOUT TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL MEAL, WITHOUT ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT AND TRACEABLE FROM THE EGG TO THE CUSTOMER'S PLATE.**



Casino has for some years now been working with partners to develop antibiotic-free supply chains, which also prioritise respect for nature, animal welfare and food quality. The brand has extended its “antibiotic-free” commitment to the seafood sector with Terre & Saveurs salmon and shrimps/prawns, farmed without antibiotics.



## Working collectively to map the value chain and improve the sustainability of farmed shrimp/prawn practices

The consumption of farmed shrimps has increased in recent years.

With a view to enhancing transparency and sustainability within the tropical shrimp industry, stakeholders in the French shrimp value chain have joined forces in a working group since 2020, led by the Earthworm Foundation. The aim is to draw up a code of conduct identifying good farming practices in relation to

- Farming conditions (density, antibiotic use);
- Environmental impact (pollution, deforestation of mangroves, etc.);
- Social impact (respect for working conditions, links with local communities);
- Shrimp feed (composition, origin, transition to a more sustainable feed)

## Integrating the sustainability of raw materials used in farmed fish and shrimp feed

The feed for farmed aquaculture animals can be composed of fishmeal and fish oil. Wild fish can be used to produce these fishmeal and oils.

Since 2021, the Casino Group has been involved in a joint working group with other retail and catering stakeholders. This collective initiative has the following objectives:

- To gain a clear understanding of alternative practices and solutions that can be implemented to reduce the use of fishmeal and fish oil
- To understand the current practices of salmon providers
- To build progress plans



# SUPPORTING LOCAL AND FRENCH FISHERIES

The Casino Group banners favour local and seasonal supplies.

Casino is continuing to roll out the “La Criée” (fish auction) concept by developing partnerships with numerous Atlantic and Mediterranean ports close to the stores and is offering bluefin tuna under the collective brand name “Tuna de ligne, pêche artisanale” (bluefin tuna, artisanal fishing), which obtained the Ecolabel Pêche durable (sustainable fishing) label in 2019. This tuna is also MSC certified.

Monoprix promotes wild fish from sustainable or French fisheries and also highlights lesser-known species in order to encourage a more diversified consumption of fish and thus help in:

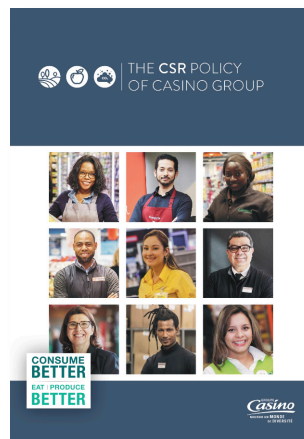
- Alleviating the fishing pressure on certain species
- Supporting fishermen by allowing the full value of their catch to be promoted



# OUR POLICIES



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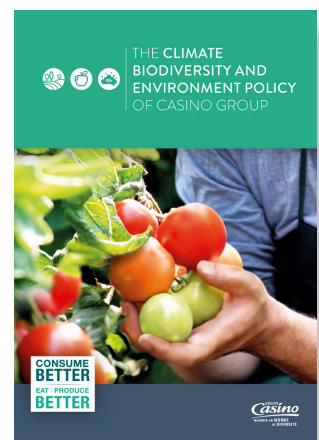
Casino Group's policy to reduce the environmental impact of packaging



Animal welfare policy of Casino Group



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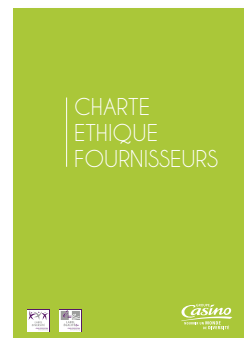
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Supplier ethics charter



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