



Statement of Support

December 18, 2025

As a Facilitator **Leader** Partner with the GDST, ARCHE Advisors endorses the GDST Standards and Guidelines for Interoperable Seafood Traceability Systems and supports its adoption and implementation across the seafood sector worldwide.

ARCHE provides advisory and assessment services for companies that seek to certify and/or improve their human rights and traceability management systems. Our practice spans across the minerals, energy, agricultural, manufacturing, and service industries and our expert team regularly engages with the established industry initiatives/standards.

We believe the GDST brings increased coherence and visibility to seafood supply chains and hope that all stakeholders use this information to better identify/mitigate their most salient human rights risks.

While implementation of GDST standards may require a phased approach:

- 1) Interoperable traceability is vitally important to ensure that human rights due diligence efforts are targeted and deployed effectively.
- 2) The GDST Standard produces human rights data elements which can help stakeholders identify risks/anomalies of labor conditions that trigger enhanced due diligence.
- 3) Participation in the dialogue process gives GDST partners a voice to help effect change and evolve the standards.

As a Leader level Partner, our organization will work to adopt and implement the GDST standards within our services or operations wherever applicable within the next 2 years.

We grant to the GDST the right to publish this endorsement statement on their website.

Authorized signer of Arche Advisors,

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