

## Chile, Industrial fishing sector to begin fishery voluntary certification

As part of the Global Conference on Oceans "Our Ocean Chile 2015", the [National Fishing Association](#) (SONAPESCA) announced that the unions forming it, together with the sector authorities, will begin a historic sustainability certification process of 92 per cent of industrial catches made in the country.

An independent international agency will be responsible of the process, which will focus on anchovy fisheries -- between the Regions XV and IV --, horse mackerel, -- between the Regions XV and X --, anchovy and sardine in the southern-central area, and in all hake, shellfish and golden kingklip fisheries.

The certification process to be subscribed by the unions forming SONAPESCA, representing 94 per cent of the fleet and 98 per cent of the country's industrial fishery landings, "puts Chile ahead as to fisheries sustainability and will allow the performance of a thorough assessment of the good practices and improvement areas to achieve long-term sustainability that the industry pursues," stated Francisco Orrego, SONAPESCA president.

The fishing union leader believes that the process is "a historic step of the Chilean business sector, it is the decision to have a target assessment system and, above all, it will make recommendations for improvements at all levels in order to ensure fisheries sustainability."

In addition, in his speech at the Global Conference on Oceans, SONAPESCA president presented the book *Pesca Responsable* (Responsible Fishing), which contains the commitment of industrial fishing to continue improving their standards to promote the sustainability of the sector.

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