

2019 TOKYO SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD SYMPOSIUM 1,000 Attendees Gather to Discuss Future of Japanese Seafood Industry

TOKYO, JAPAN

The 2019 Tokyo Sustainable Seafood Symposium (TSSS) -- Asia's largest sustainable seafood symposium -- successfully brought together nearly 1,000 attendees and 100 speakers from around the world. The symposium, co-hosted by Seafood Legacy Co., Ltd. and Nikkei ESG, was held over two days from November 7th to 8th in Tokyo.

TSSS is a flagship event to highlight seafood sustainability efforts and is a driver to further spread the sustainable seafood movement to ensure that Japan's seafood culture and the bounty of the sea will continue to thrive for future generations. In addition to hearing from domestic and overseas experts representing governments, companies, NGOs and research bodies, this fifth-annual symposium provided an opportunity for attendees to interact and ideate how to further accelerate the sustainable seafood movement together.



Highlight of This Year

This year we focused on how seafood sustainability is vital for meeting SDGs as well as for ESG investment and how we can balance sustainability of business and ocean environment.

The key topics covered were:

1. Protecting Japanese seafood industry and market from risks brought on by IUU fishing and human right violations hidden in the supply chain
2. Creating new value for businesses by tying together seafood sustainability to SDGs and ESG commitments
3. Incorporation of technology and certification schemes as drivers to shift fisheries and aquacultures toward sustainability
4. Growing interest from ESG investors and businesses to incorporate sustainable seafood as one of the main components for their SDGs and ESG commitments

The 1st Japan Sustainable Seafood Award

TSSS 2019 also presented the first-ever "Japan Sustainable Seafood Champion Awards" to recognize exemplary entities that have contributed to the Japanese sustainable seafood movement. Two categories of awards were given: The "Initiative" category recognized individuals or a single entity, and "Collaboration" category acknowledged collaborative efforts between multiple individuals or organizations.

Three out of eight finalists were chosen as champions:

