

Partner Africa's Statement on the Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIAs) in the Small Pelagic Fish Value Chain in Senegal and Mauritania.

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The purpose of the Human Rights Impact Assessment in the Small Pelagic Fish Value Chain in Mauritania and Senegal by Partner Africa is to 'shine a light' on the salient social and environmental issues in the industry through stakeholder engagement. We are pleased that our client (The Global Roundtable of Marine Ingredients) wants to catalyse action in the industry following our report.

Within the scope of the study provided by our client, Partner Africa has aimed to provide a detailed, accurate analysis of the human rights challenges and opportunities currently faced in the industry using international best practice methodologies on HRIAs.

Partner Africa appreciates that various stakeholders might have different views on the findings presented in this report, however, we believe that the information we provide, albeit subjected to limitations (due to scope, resources, and availability of stakeholders) as outlined in the report, present an accurate account of the social and environmental challenges and opportunities faced in the Small Pelagic Fish Value Chain in Mauritania and Senegal by engaged stakeholders. Partner Africa welcomes any opportunity for follow-up research to address the limitations outlined in the report (such as a broader geographical and industry scope).

The mission of Partner Africa is to promote responsible business practices in Africa. In service of creating a more sustainable and fairer small pelagic value chain, we hope that this report creates an opportunity for the Global Roundtable of Marine Ingredients and other key stakeholders to work together to address the key issues identified and to develop programmes to prevent, remediate and mitigate the salient human rights issues in the Small Pelagic Fish Value Chain in West Africa.

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