

# IFFS

INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR FISHING SAFETY



## Building a Safe Future for Fishing

The International Fund for Fishing Safety supports initiatives to improve safety and health for wild capture fishers around the globe to save lives.



# Funding Safer Fishing Everywhere

## Funding opportunity

The International Fund for Fishing Safety is a collaboration between FISH Platform, Lloyd's Register Foundation and The Seafarers' Charity to fund projects all over the world, delivering practical improvements in safety for wild capture fishers.

## What is the fund's purpose?

The purpose is to save lives.

The International Fund for Fishing Safety supports projects led by people working in fishing and for the benefit of their local fisheries to deliver:

- » Behavioural and cultural change
- » New or better safety management practices
- » Auditing of safety management systems
- » Training in safety management and risk mitigation

## Do you need funding to improve fishing safety?

We want to hear from you if you are working on safety, health and welfare in commercial fishing.



There are 39 million fishers worldwide  
\*Figures from Food & Agriculture Organization of United Nations



67% of fishing vessels are in Asia,  
20% in Africa and 10% in the Americas



73% of fishers in the world have never  
received any safety training  
\*LRF World Risk Poll 2024



## Find out how to apply

Check if you can apply for funding from the International Fund for Fishing Safety if your organisation has a project which will help commercial fishers.

To be eligible, your project must meet the following criteria:

- » **Be for fishers:** The project must involve and benefit wild capture commercial fishers
- » **Focus on safety and health:** For fishers and the vessels they work on
- » **Not for profit:** The project must operate on a not-for-profit or charitable basis
- » **Follow global standards:** Match the International standards in fishing of STCW-F or ILO C188 or the Cape Town Agreement
- » **Long-term impact:** Show lasting benefits and the potential to be applied in other fisheries/countries
- » **Share knowledge:** Share lessons learned with fishers worldwide

## Need help applying?

We can help with your application and we are available to support you with online meetings or by phone or email.

Please get in touch with the fund coordinator Alan McCulla.

Email: [Alan.McCulla@theseafarerscharity.org](mailto:Alan.McCulla@theseafarerscharity.org)



Over £220,000 given in grants to fishing safety in 2024



Applications to fund fishing safety in 20 countries so far



65,000 Fishers directly supported in 2024 by grants from IFFS

## Apply For Funding

We want to hear from you if you have a project which needs funding.

We are speaking to people all over the world and we can help you with your application.

Apply for funding for a fishing safety and health project at:

[www.theseafarerscharity.org/iffs](http://www.theseafarerscharity.org/iffs)

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## Become a FISH Platform member

Are you passionate about making fishing safer for all?

Then consider joining FISH Platform.

FISH Platform is the world-leading group of experts involved in safety and health in the fishing industry.

Membership is free to participants with an interest in the safety and health of fishers.

Find out about membership at: [www.fishplatform.org](http://www.fishplatform.org)

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