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#### **Common Language Group e-alert**

(news alerts issued to CLG circulation list by email in January 2022)

<https://www.seafish.org/responsible-sourcing/seafood-issues-groups/the-common-language-group/>

#### **Funding**

**[UK Seafood Fund \(UK SF\): Infrastructure Scheme](#) (27 December 2021. Fill in feedback form by 26 January 2022. Fund opens on 7 March 2022)**

This is a first call to access the initial tranche of the total £65 million UKSF Infrastructure fund. The scheme will fund projects that build capacity across the UK fishing sector supply chain through investment in: ports, processing and aquaculture infrastructure. [Defra are currently seeking feedback](#) on the fund.

**[UK SF Skills and Training Scheme](#) (27 December 2021. Early engagement event from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday 19 January 2022)**

The Skills and Training Scheme will provide a one-off fund of up to £10 million to improve training in the seafood industry, including the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors.

**[Searching for ideas for collaborative fisheries research](#) (6 January 2022)**

The newly formed Fisheries Industry Science Partnership (FISP) Network, led by the Fishmongers' Company's Fisheries Charitable Trust, Fishing into the Future and the Fishing Animateurs, wants the fishing industry to come forward with ideas for scientific studies that address issues with data deficient fisheries, and support the science used in decision-making in the UK. The second round of the FISP grant scheme is scheduled for spring 2022.

**[Funding schemes for the UK seafood industry](#) (January 2022)**

This new page on the Seafish website has information on key national grant and funding opportunities that are available to UK seafood and marine businesses.

**[Horizon Europe: help for UK applicants](#) (21 December 2021)**

Horizon Europe is an EU research and innovation programme with a budget of €95.5 billion. It runs until 2027 and UK-based researchers or innovators can apply to most Horizon Europe funding opportunities on the same terms as EU-based applicants. UK Research and Innovation is providing help and guidance on how to access this funding.

#### **Events and consultations**

**[Big Fish webinar: Can you eat the whole fish?](#) Wednesday 19 January 2022 from 12pm to 1pm GMT.**

The Big Fish Series is a free online seminar series brought to you by the University of Stirling's, Institute of Aquaculture. The purpose of this series is to highlight seafood's roles in sustainable food systems. The focus of this webinar is approaches to taking waste out of seafood systems.

**[UK Government and Devolved Governments seek views on the Joint Fisheries Statement \(JFS\)](#) (18 January 2022. Closing date to respond is 12 April 2022)**

UK Government is seeking the views of all interested parties on the JFS and the related Fisheries Management Plans. The JFS sets out the legally binding policies the UK Government and

Devolved Governments will follow, at a UK level and individually, as they work together to deliver world-class sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management.

### **News**

#### **[IOTC publishes 2022 yellowfin tuna catch limits](#) (11 January 2022)**

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) has, on the recommendation of its scientific committee, set the catch limit for yellowfin tuna at 287,140 metric tons (MT) in 2022.

#### **[Trading seafood with the EU - what's new in 2022](#) (6 January 2022)**

In 2022, more changes are coming for trading seafood between the UK and EU. Seafood businesses have been adapting to trade with the EU since the end of the EU exit transition on 1 January 2021. Additional changes will affect importers and exporters this year.

#### **[Report declares tuna stocks in Western and Central Pacific Ocean not overfished](#) (23 December 2021)**

The Western and Central Pacific Ocean's four targeted tuna species (bigeye, yellowfin, albacore and skipjack) are all in healthy condition and the stocks are not overfished, according to a report issued recently by the Pacific Community. But all the fisheries have issues with bycatch, such as sharks and billfish.

#### **[‘Fishy Falsehoods’: Shetland goes on the attack to debunk fishing claims](#) (15 December 2021)**

The Shetland Fishermen's Association (SFA) has launched the first in a series of papers aiming to debunk false claims made about the fishing sector. The first concerns the claim that trawling releases as much CO<sub>2</sub> globally each year as the aviation industry.

#### **[Study sheds new light on Bangladeshi prawn and shrimp industry](#) (15 December 2021)**

A new, large-scale study, by the University of Stirling, into prawn and shrimp production in southwest Bangladesh has found that the industry is crucial to public health and prosperity, and is climate-resilient. The study shows that the family-driven, polyculture system currently in operation in southwest Bangladesh safeguards household nutrition and income.

### **Seafish resources**

#### **[Health benefits of seafood](#)**

We've collated resources on the health and nutritional benefits of seafood. Businesses can use them when promoting fish and shellfish. Our information includes consumption health guidance, making health claims when selling seafood, nutritional profiles for fish and shellfish and research on the benefits of increasing seafood consumption.

#### **[What Love Seafood achieved in its first 12 months](#) (14 January 2022)**

This covers insights from an evaluation of how Love Seafood consumer marketing activity performed during the brand's first year.

***This is an amalgamation of the news alerts issued in January 2022.***