

Capture fishery is one of the most dynamic sectors in international trade with over 39 million people contributing to economies, to employment and to food security. At the same time the industry faces extreme pressures. Work is often carried out in harsh environments, at night and in heavy weather. Safety at sea and the working and living conditions of crew onboard fishing vessels are top priorities.

For nearly 200 years, Bureau Veritas has worked in partnership with clients to provide expertise, to mitigate risk, ensure compliance, and support performance - as well as safety at sea.

Today, we are the leading classification society providing services to the fishing industry.



CHALLENGE

As a provider of Business-to-Business-to-Society services, we understand the challenges facing the fishing industry. Fishing vessels operate in rough environments where compliance with safety standards is non-negotiable. Inappropriate design, construction, and equipment can lead to high operating costs and a shortened operating life. Inefficient safety management can lead to loss of life, cargo, and damage reputation.

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140 COUNTRIES

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OVER 350

QUALIFIED AUDITORS WORLDWIDE



OUR SOLUTIONS

Bureau Veritas offers the highest quality classification and certification services to help shipowners and operators secure operating licences, and subsequently maximise performance and safety at sea:

- Classification assures that a vessel is built and maintained to the highest standards (safety, performance, sustainability).
- Certification demonstrates compliance with international and national regulations such as IMO Cape Town Agreement, 2012 and the ILO Work in Fishing Convention (C188), 2007.

While there is currently no international regulation for fishing vessels, international organizations (IMO, ILO, FAO) promote the adoption and implementation of international standards to provide a solid framework for responsible fisheries, the safety of fishing vessels and fishers, and decent working and living conditions in fisheries.

Bureau Veritas helps operators comply with the international conventions, ensure smooth inspection by state authorities, and reduce detention risks. We are the trusted partner of more than 150 flag administrations.

OUR SERVICES AT A GLANCE



Bureau Veritas offers a series of dedicated Rules for the design and construction of fishing vessels, developed in cooperation with the industry.

BV also brings expertise and innovation to increase vessel performance and limit environmental impact

through, for instance, gas-fuel and electric-hybrid propulsion systems.

Classification services welcome drawings review, shipyard survey, materials and equipment certification, and sea trial monitoring to validate compliance with the classification rules.

A range of additional classification notations is available, designed for specific operational conditions such as navigation in drifting ice and polar environments, and for specific equipment such as automation, refrigerated installations, fire protection, protection against pollution, and compliance with international standard such as the Torremolinos Convention.

WITH 470 FISHING VESSELS IN THE BV FLEET AND 80 **IN PROGRESS, BUREAU VERITAS IS THE LEADING CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY PROVIDING SERVICES TO** THE FISHING INDUSTRY. **WE OPERATE IN ALL MAJOR COUNTRIES INCLUDING** SPAIN, FRANCE, IRELAND, MOROCCO, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS. **ARGENTINA, CHILE AND** NAMIBIA, WITH VESSELS **NAVIGATING FROM** THE ARCTIC OCEAN TO THE FURIOUS FIFTIES IN THE ANTARCTIC.





Bureau Veritas also provides a framework for safe vessel operation and condition maintenance during the lifespan of a vessel:

- Continued compliance with Rules and Regulations,
- Inspection of structural areas or items that are most prone to failure or degradation,
- > Clear acceptance criteria,
- Monitoring techniques, where appropriate, for hull structure as well as for other vessel items.
- > Vessel history reports.



More than 150 Flag State administrations rely on Bureau Veritas to verify that international and national regulations on marine safety and environmental protection are complied with.

The International Safety Management (ISM)
Code was created to improve safety and prevention
of pollution at sea. Bureau Veritas has over
350 qualified auditors worldwide performing ISM
audits and issuing the corresponding certificates.
Certification may be offered to fishing companies
on a voluntary basis to demonstrate high level
safety management systems.

OUR EXPERTS HELP CLIENTS SOLVE COMPLEX TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, **MEET REGULATORY** REQUIREMENTS. **GO BEYOND REGULATIONS** WHEN NECESSARY, AND OPTIMIZE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE. AS A CLASSIFICATION **SOCIETY, WE BRIDGE** THE GAP BETWEEN **REGULATIONS AND THE NEEDS OF SHIPOWNERS** AND OPERATORS. BY SETTING RULES FOR FISHING VESSELS, AND **ENSURING THEY ARE MET. WE CONTRIBUTE TO SAFETY AT SEA.**

FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS,
BUREAU VERITAS HAS DELIVERED
TESTING, INSPECTION, AUDIT &
CERTIFICATION SERVICES ACROSS
THE SEAFOOD SUPPLY CHAIN,
FROM PRODUCERS TO RETAILERS.
A ROBUST NETWORK OF SEAFOOD
EXPERTS IN MAJOR PRODUCING
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE EU,
AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, HELPS
CLIENTS MANAGE SAFETY, QUALITY,
SUSTAINABILITY, AND TRACEABILITY
ISSUES.



SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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Bureau Veritas can conduct second-party audits or certification of fishing vessels and manning agencies based on international standards (ILO C188 "Work in Fishing Convention, 2007", RFVS "Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard" and FISH "Fairness, Integrity, Safety and Health (FISH) Standard for Crew") to demonstrate social accountability and minimise reputational risk.



Bureau Veritas supports the fishing industry in its efforts to develop more responsible fishing practices. Our certification services enable our clients to conform to recognized sustainable fishing standards, to demonstrate full traceability, and to improve brand image.

- > EU or FDA Regulation which demonstrate compliance with:
 - Food safety: hygiene, cold chain & HACCP inspection or audit, seafood testing, ice & water testing
 - · Quality & size: freshness grading & sizing
 - Traceability: inspection & audit
 - · Sustainability: fishing observer programme
- > International standards which demonstrate best practice and sustainability efforts to clients:
 - Food safety certification: "GFSI" (BRC, IFS, FSSC22000)
 - BV Recognition on responsible fishing & sourcing
 - Sustainable fishing ecolabel: MSC Fishery Certification
 - Traceability: MSC "CoC" (Chain of custody) certification
 - Tuna "FAD free" traceability & fishing best practices recognition.





"For shipowners, undergoing classification is already a major differentiator in terms of environmental and social responsibility. It proves the safety and functionality of their ships and it demonstrates a great effort toward earning their place in a more sustainable supply chain."

Jean Michel Chatelier Fishing vessels Global Market Leader

REFERENCES

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