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SURINAME INVESTMENT & TRADE AGENCY

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BUY FROM SURINAME

Fish and shellfish

SURINAME'S SEAFOOD EXPORT OFFER

Suriname offers reliable, traceable and export-ready seafood sourcing, supported by HACCP food safety systems, MSC certified seabob shrimp and established access to EU, US, Asian and regional markets

WHAT DOES SURINAME OFFER BUYERS?

Located on the northern coast of South America, Suriname offers international buyers a reliable and export-ready seafood sourcing platform.

Its fisheries sector combines highquality shrimp and coastal fish products with established export experience to EU, US and global markets.

Supported by consistent production, certified processing facilities and reliable logistics connections, Suriname enables buyers to source sustainably produced seafood with confidence.



Suriname
Atlantic gateway connecting South America to Europe and the Americas

Reliable, year-round supply at scale

99.9 million kg
Export Volume of Fishery Products, 2021 - 2025

3rd
Largest exporter of fish and shellfish products in the Caribbean

127,772 km² EEZ
Exclusive Economic Zone, equal to 80% of Suriname's landmass

Premium, value added products

29
VKI approved fishery processing plants

45
Fish species caught in Surinamese waters

VKI-approved producers
serve buyers across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Caribbean

Reliable access to global markets

8,000+
Refrigerated (reefer) TEU's annually

44 international markets served
by Surinamer seafood processors between 2021-2025

Integrated seafood se and air export logistics
connecting major global seafood markets

Sustainably produced and traceable

ISO/IEC 17025
Accredited seafood testing laboratory

HACCP systems mandatory
for all VKI-recognised processors

Suriname listed on the EU List I
approved fishery export countries

RELIABLE, YEAR-ROUND SUPPLY AT SCALE

Rooted in a longstanding fishing tradition, Suriname's seafood sector has evolved into a reliable export industry serving global markets

EXPORTS OF FISH AND SHELLFISH PRODUCTS

99.9 million kg
Export Volume of Fishery Products, 2021-2025 according to VKI (Fish Inspection Institute Foundation)

Product by Processing Type	Exports in Kg
Frozen Fish	94,754,157
Frozen Seabob Shrimp	2,209,696
Frozen Deep-Sea Shrimp	846,415
Dried Fish	696,917
Dried Fish Maw	571,739
Fresh Fish on Ice	368,746
Frozen Fish Maw	347,055
Crab	63,114
Dried Seabob Shrimp	32,588
Fish Skin	20,275
Frozen Whitefish	15,219

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

3rd
Largest exporter of seafood products in the Caribbean according to ITC trademap

18.9 million kg
Export Volume of Fishery Products in 2025

35%
Fishery sector's share in the agricultural production value

5000+
Employed in the fisheries sector

STRATEGIC ATLANTIC COASTAL POSITION WITH EXTENSIVE MARINE RESOURCES

386 km Coastline
Highquality continental shelf and estuarial system compensate for a relatively short coastline

54,550 km2 continental shelf
Wide continental shelf supports shrimp fisheries and demersal fish

127,772 km2 EEZ
Exclusive Economic Zone covers the equivalent of 80% of the landmass providing access to marine resources

45 fish species
Caught in Surinamese waters

PREMIUM, VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS

A diversified seafood export offer centered on shrimp and premium coastal fish, supplying international markets with strong growth potential in value-added products

MAJOR OPERATORS IN SURINAME ARE FULLY CERTIFIED TO SUPPLY PREMIUM OVERSEAS MARKETS

29 VKI approved fishery processing plants

25 VKI approved fishery processors for the EU

18 VKI approved fishery processors for China

International market access

- VKI (Fish Inspection Institute Foundation) – approved producers serve buyers across Europe, the Americas, and Asia
- EU market access duty free and quota free access to the EU under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA
- FDA-aligned seafood processing Supports exports to US seafood markets

Flexible seafood processing capabilities

- Fresh seafood
- Frozen seafood
- Smoked and valueadded products
- Whole, fillets, portions
- and custom cuts
- Shrimp processing and peeling
- Fishmeal production

Built for global buyers

- Custom packaging to buyer specifications
- Private labelling and rebranding
- Mixed product consolidation
- Supplying distributors, wholesalers and retailers
- Hospitality and cruise ship supply

KEY EXPORT SPECIES

Seabob shrimp

Xiphopenaeus kroyeri

- Wild-caught Atlantic Seabob shrimp
- MSC-certified shrimp fishery
- Exported frozen in a variety of formats

Red snapper

Lutjanus purpureus

- Premium coastal species
- Whole and filleted formats
- Strong demand in EU and US markets

Corvina

Cynoscion virescens

- Coastal demersal species
- Fresh and frozen exports
- Suitable for retail and foodservice

Grouper

Epinephelus spp.

- High-value white fish
- Exported whole and filleted
- Premium positioning in key markets

Yellowfin tuna

Thunnus albacares

- Premium pelagic species including yellowfin tuna support diversification into high-value seafood exports

SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED AND TRACEABLE

Suriname's seafood exporters provide buyers with traceable, independently tested, internationally compliant products supported by approved processors, accredited laboratories, and robust food safety controls

SUSTAINABLE SOURCING AND RESPONSIBLE HARVESTING

Location of the first MSC-certified tropical shrimp fishery globally in 2011

100% Industrial fishing vessel monitoring through the vessel monitoring system (VMS)

Successful implementation of turtle excluder devices and bycatch reduction technologies

COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE

Export ready and compliant

Access seafood from approved processors operating under globally recognised food safety systems

- Suriname's Fish Inspection Act is fully harmonised with EU fisheries legislation
- Suriname is listed on the EU list 1 of approved countries for fishery product exports
- HACCP systems are mandatory for all VKI-recognised processing facilities

Internationally accredited testing

Independent laboratory verification supports food safety, quality assurance, and import compliance

- VKI laboratory is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2015 for internationally recognised testing and laboratory competence
- Comprehensive microbiological, chemical, and contaminant testing ensures products meet the highest food safety requirements

Export certification and traceability

Verified documentation and traceable supply chains reduce sourcing and compliance risks

- All seafood export certifications, inspections, and health certificates are coordinated through VKI (Fish Inspection Institute Foundation)
- Traceability, species verification, and inspection systems monitor seafood products from catch through processing and export

COMPREHENSIVE FOOD SAFETY TESTING CAPABILITIES SUPPORTING BUYER COMPLIANCE AND PRODUCT ASSURANCE

Microbiology

Salmonella, E.coli, total coliforms, Enterobacteriaceae, Enterococci, and clostridium perfringens

Chemicals

Histamine (HPLC), TVBN, Sulfite, Water activity (Aw), Moisture, pH

Heavy metals

Mercury, Cadmium, Lead, Arsenic (ICP-MS/AAS methods)

Contaminants

PAHs (Benzo(a)pyrene, Benz(a)anthrace ne, Chrysene, etc.), Pesticide residues

Water quality

ISO-based testing for water and ice used in processing and production

Hygiene

Contact surface monitoring including ATP (Hylite) hygiene testing

RELIABLE ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Suriname combines maritime and air cargo logistics to support fresh and frozen seafood exports to Europe, North America, Asia, and Caribbean markets

PROVEN ACCESS TO GLOBAL SEAFOOD MARKETS

99.9 million kg
Exported to 44 international markets (2021–2025)

- Consistent export volumes across key global markets
- Strong demand for Suriname's seafood products
- Access to premium markets through integrated logistics

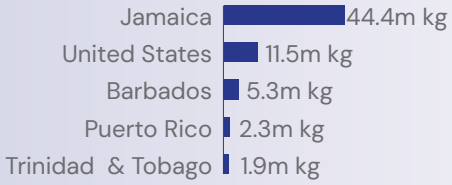
KEY EXPORT MARKETS AND REGIONS (2021 - 2025)

Americas



68 million kg
68% of total exports

Key markets

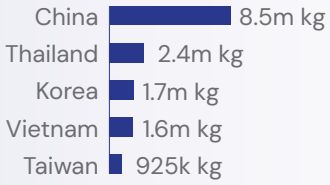


Asia-Pacific



16 million kg
16% of total exports

Key markets

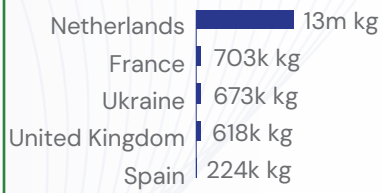


Europe



15 million kg
15% of total exports

Key markets



INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS

Frozen seafood exports are supported through Caribbean transshipment networks and reefer shipping connections to **Europe, North America and Asia**

Fresh seafood exports are shipped **multiple times weekly via KLM, SLM, and Amerijet** air cargo services

MAERSK · CMA CGM · SEABOARD MARINE · KLM · SURINAM AIRWAYS · Amerijet

Coldchain capabilities

- **8,000 + TEU** Reefer capacity of DP World alone, alongside terminals run by VSH Transport and other operators
- **Temperature-controlled storage and handling** ideal for perishable seafood products

Global market access

- **Duty-free, quota-free access** to EU markets under the CARIFORUM–EU EPA
- **Free trade within the Caribbean region** through the CARICOM Single Market

CEVIHAS fisheries hub

- **CEVIHAS is Suriname's central fisheries landing hub,** supporting seafood exports through **integrated vessel docking, seafood handling, cold storage, ice supply, and processing-linked logistics infrastructure.**

EXPORT-READY PROCESSING PLANTS

MAJOR PROCESSING PLANTS IN SURINAME

SUVVEB N.V: One of Suriname's leading fresh seafood exporters, specialising in tuna and supplying buyers across Europe, the US, Asia, and the Caribbean

Bera Fisheries: Active exporter with frozen fish shipments to Jamaica and the Caribbean. Supplies a broad product range across snapper, lobster, shrimp, squid, cuttlefish, tilapia and dried fish

Caribbean Sea Foods: Suriname's longest-standing exporter of premium fresh and frozen finfish. Specialises in snapper, corvina, and grouper

Suriname Sea Catch: Exporter of frozen and fresh fish from Suriname and landing goods at several locations in Europe, Asia, North America, South America, and the Caribbean

Ocean Delight Suriname: Ocean Delight accounts for an estimated 20% of Suriname's total seafood exports including snappers, kingfish, weakfish, ribbon fish and croakers.

Omicron Seafood: one of the largest processors and exporters of frozen and fresh fish in Suriname, able to ship frozen or fresh product all over the world

Heiploeg Suriname: Heiploeg vessels catch Atlantic seabob shrimp in Suriname's coastal waters and process them on landing

SAIL: One of Suriname's oldest seafood companies and a participant in the world's first MSC-certified tropical shrimp fishery. Operates as a seafood processing, cold storage, packaging, and logistics hub

Deep Sea Atlantic: Certified fish and shrimp catching and processing company and one of Suriname's largest private employers

NISAD: Shrimp processing facility that exports frozen head-on and headless shrimps to Japan and Europe

Many more VKI-recognised processors: Many more VKI-recognised processors contribute to a strong and diversified export ecosystem

All processors operate under the oversight of VKI, ensuring compliance with national and international food safety, hygiene and quality standards

View the official list of VKI-approved seafood processing establishments

"Suriname is an excellent base for the fisheries and seafood sector, rich in natural resources and well-positioned for both regional and international export.

For investors and exporters willing to commit and adapt, the opportunities here are exceptional and largely untapped"

Mr. John Berner, Director, Bera Fisheries NV

How can we help you?

SITA helps international seafood buyers define product specifications, identify suitable VKI-approved processors, request compliance and certification information, coordinate supplier introductions, support sample requests and provide information on fresh and frozen export logistics

Why work with SITA?

1. We work with your purchasing and sourcing teams to fully understand and document your requirements
2. We will help identify suppliers who can meet your specifications in terms of volumes, quality, certifications for market entry, packaging, prices and shipping
3. We can help our local companies to meet your requirements through support to upgrade quality standards or packaging
4. We can support local producers to consolidate to meet your volume requirements

Ready to source from Suriname? Get in touch!

Contact SITA to discuss your requirements and connect with export-ready seafood suppliers

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