



# the CRAB SUSTAINABILITY commitment

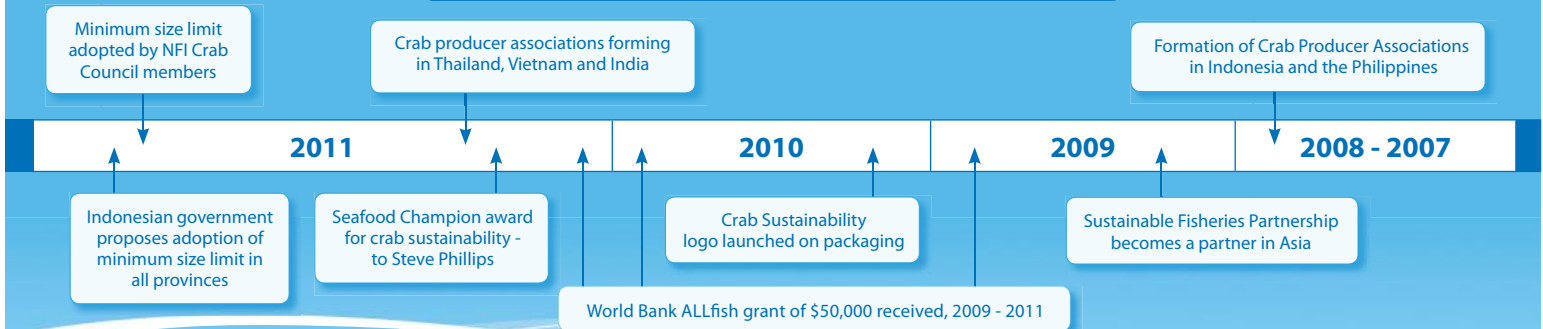
NEWS ON THE BLUE SWIMMING CRAB



## NATIONAL FISHERIES INSTITUTE CRAB COUNCIL DRIVING TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE BLUE SWIMMING CRAB RESOURCE

Formed in March 2009, the NFI Crab Council provides a common voice for U.S. companies and suppliers committed to supporting worldwide sustainability efforts for the blue swimming crab. The National Fisheries Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to education about seafood safety, sustainability and nutrition; the NFI and its members are committed to sustainable management of our oceans.

### TIMELINE OF NFI CRAB COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### NFI CRAB COUNCIL MEMBER COMPANIES

- Phillips Foods, Inc.
- Twin Tails Seafood
- Handy International
- Newport International
- Lawrence Street Seafood
- Heron Point Seafood
- Chicken of the Sea
- RGE Agridev Corp.
- Twin Tails/Boss
- Bumble Bee
- Blue Star

Look for the NFI Crab Council logo on member packaging.

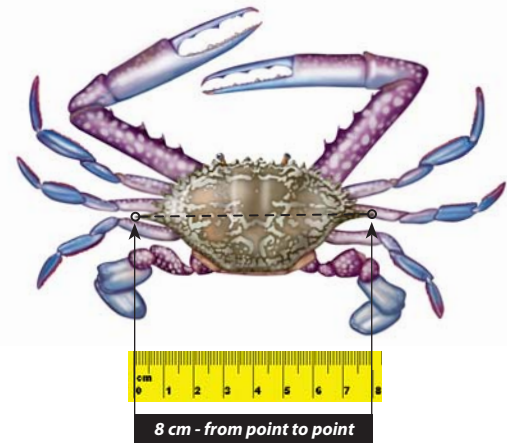


Welcome New Members!  
Crystal Harbor  
Aqua Star

## NFI CRAB COUNCIL MILESTONES REACHED!

### Breakthrough on Minimum Catch Size

An important step in protecting the crab resource was reached in March 2011, when NFI Crab Council members agreed to a minimum size for blue swimming crabs. Each member company committed to a sourcing policy to purchase only crabs over 8 cm, giving more crabs a chance to reproduce. This is a critical step necessary to stabilize crab populations. In addition, this Council action prompted the Indonesian government to advocate implementation of this minimum size in all of the crab producing provinces. This is a great WIN for the resource.



### World Bank ALLFish grant secured to continue work on crab sustainability

For the third year in a row, the NFI Crab Council secured a grant of \$50,000 to be used for sustainability programs for the blue swimming crab. The money is distributed by the NFI Crab Council for programs in Asian countries.

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## ASSESSMENT FUNDS SET FOR NFI CRAB COUNCIL

The budget for the NFI Crab Council comes from member companies. **Each company is assessed 1.5¢ for every pound of crab meat imported into the country.** Supported programs include crab restocking programs, crab hatcheries, education and data collection to better manage the resource. The NFI Crab Council 2011 budget is \$450,000.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED BY NFI CRAB COUNCIL

### Indonesia

NFI Crab Council funds are supporting stock assessments important for managing the fishery, educational programs in fishing communities that show the advantages of fishing responsibly, work to identify habitats critical for crab populations, and studies to show the effect of establishing a minimum size for crab harvests.

### Philippines

Programs to protect berried (egg bearing) female crabs have begun. At 20 locations, cages to hold the berried females have been installed and an estimated 67 billion larvae were released through the end of March. Students from local universities have been trained to collect data in order to document the progress of the program. The Philippine Crab Producers Association is actively working with the Philippine government to develop a management plan for the crab fishery. This management plan should also serve as a model for similar regulatory actions in other crab producing countries.

May 31 marked a significant event. The government fisheries department, together with the Philippine Crab Producers Association, released 5000 hatchery produced juvenile crabs in Bagunbanwa Island. This is a significant milestone and marks the beginning of crab restocking efforts based on hatchery production of juvenile crabs.

### Philippine Hatchery Program



*releasing juvenile crabs into the water*



*Steve Phillips*

## STEVE PHILLIPS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Steve Phillips was recognized in March 2011 by the Seafood Choices Alliance for his work on the sustainability of the blue swimming crab. Along with 5 other global seafood leaders, he was recognized for his leadership and vision for creating a thriving blue swimming crab industry and for current efforts to put crab fisheries on a path to sustainability.