

## Gold Member Kush Sea Farms

# Awarded Gold Membership: 2022

#### **About the Company**

Established in 1987, Kush Seafarms is a family-run Irish seafood business based in Kenmare, Co. Kerry on the scenic southwest coast of Ireland. The company grows organic rope mussels in Class A waters in a Special Area of Conservation, in the deep, clear Atlantic waters of Kenmare Bay.

Kush Seafarm's success relies on a clean and sustainable aquatic ecosystem. The wild Atlantic waters that shape the rugged Irish coastline meet the Gulf Stream's warm waters and the cold fresh waters flowing from Irish bog lands. This is one of the last remaining ecosystems of this type in Europe.

#### Spotlight Target Area: Energy / Waste

Kush Seafarms is dedicated to producing the finest seafood while guarding the environment in which it operates. The company works conscientiously to ensure quality and sustainability work in tandem across all of its processes.

Kush Seafarms have ambitious targets to reduce overall fuel usage per unit harvested within its operations, aiming to achieve a minimum of 30% reduction of usage throughout the course of its Origin Green plan. The company continued to accelerate development in this area in 2021, achieving exemplary performance and is currently 12% ahead of target. Kush Seafarms have also made significant progress in the key target area of Waste. In 2021, the company's Waste was reduced by 25% per unit on a gram per kilogram (g/kg) basis. Initially, the company aimed to reduce Waste produced by 13% through its current Origin Green plan which runs to the end of 2022. Having overachieved on this target to date, it has amended the ambitions of its current projections and is now aiming for a cumulative 35% reduction in the waste area over the same period, showcasing the ongoing importance of continuous improvement to the company in its sustainability efforts.

### Membership Tier 4 Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 5

#### Exemplary Performance Target Areas



Raw Materials & Suppliers  Packaging  Energy/Emissions  Water  Waste  Product Health and Nutrition  Employee Wellbeing  Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion  Biodiversity  Approved Sector Specific Target			
Energy/Emissions  Water  Waste  Product Health and Nutrition  Employee Wellbeing  Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion	Raw Material Sourcing	Raw Materials & Suppliers	
Waste  Waste  Product Health and Nutrition  Employee Wellbeing  Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion		Packaging	*
Product Health and Nutrition  Employee Wellbeing  Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion	Manufacturing Process	Energy/Emissions	
Product Health and Nutrition  Employee Wellbeing  Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion		Water	
Community Engagement  Diversity & Inclusion		Waste	$ \star $
Diversity & Inclusion	Social Sustainability	Product Health and Nutrition	
Diversity & Inclusion		Employee Wellbeing	
		Community Engagement	
Biodiversity  Approved Sector Specific Target		Diversity & Inclusion	
Approved Sector Specific Target	Additional Targets	Biodiversity	
		Approved Sector Specific Target	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Cooling the planet is a challenge for the sea. Aquaculture is the mechanism to achieve this. Kush Seafarms Ltd has based all its decisions on cooling the planet. It is forward looking strategy."

#### John M. Harrington, Director