

 Early Warning System

FMO-62451

South Asia Foods LLC-FZ



Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-03-22
Borrower	South Asia Foods LLC
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Construction, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the FMO, the funds will be used for capex investments that will further strengthen TSF's value chain in Sri Lanka. The investments include rehabilitating abandoned shrimp farms owned by TSF and by third-party growers, investing in new farms, circular tanks and hatcheries, in a new processing facility and for other general capex investments. The DFCD funds will be used to finance part of the core portion of the working capital needs. The Facility will be repaid from export proceeds, which account for ca. 95% of the total turnover.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

E&S risks are categorized as Category B+ mainly due to risks relating to biodiversity conservation and management of living natural resources (especially animal welfare and biosecurity).



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Private Actors Description

As stated by the FMO, South Asia Foods LLC is a SPV set up to manage the sales for Taprobane Seafoods Ltd (TSF). Taprobane is a leading seafood export company in Sri Lanka processing Blue Swimming Crab into pasteurized crab meat and Vannamei shrimp, which it began farming two years ago - the first Sri Lankan company to do so - in response to a global shift in preference to Vannamei from black tiger shrimp. Established in 2010, TSF has one main process facility and fourteen mini-processing facilities, employing over 2,000 fulltime employees, predominantly underprivileged women including war widows, throughout the northern and northwestern provinces of Sri Lanka. The shrimps processed by TSF are supplied by its own farms and third-party growers. The crabs are wild-caught and supplied by local fishermen. TSF exports seafood products globally under their own brand or for third parties.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Taprobane Seafoods Ltd.	Parent Company	Agriculture and Forestry



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