

CSR REPORT
TRIPLENINE GROUP 2022



Statutory Statement on Corporate Responsibility, cf. Section 99a of the Danish Financial Statements Act and Statutory Report on the Gender Composition of Management, cf. Section 99b of the Danish Financial Statements Act and Statutory Report on Data Ethics, cf Section 99d of the Danish Financial Statements Act. This statement on corporate responsibility is part of the management's report in the annual report for the financial year 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022.

The TripleNine Group's main activity is the manufacture and sale of fishmeal and fish oil. This is done through companies in Denmark, Norway and Chile. A more detailed description of the group and our business model can be found in the Annual Report 2022 and in our website <a href="https://www.999.dk">www.999.dk</a>

TripleNine has the clear mission of adding value to marine resources in a responsible way. Therefore, we want to act responsibly when purchasing marine raw materials and produce high quality nutritional and functional ingredients, which contribute to feed people all over the world in a healthy and sustainable way.

TripleNine wants to grow responsibly and seeks to continuously develop and operate the company in an economically, socially and environmentally responsible manner. We wish that our activities contribute positively to the society today and in the future, and for that reason we seek to work closer with our local communities, which we are part of.

Following development of TripleNine's overall strategy in 2018, the task of formulating policies for supplier management, anti-corruption and local communities have been initiated. Likewise, TripleNine's CSR strategy has been reviewed in 2020, where this has been treated in the Group Management Team as well as in the Board. The ambition is that this work will continue to be improved and developed further with the purpose of securing a more sustainable organization through transparency.

TripleNine's current CSR activities are focused within these areas: Sustainability, Environment and Climate, Quality, Employees and Social Conditions, Anti-Corruption and Bribery, Human Rights and Diversity. The areas have been linked to UN Sustainable Development Goals. Objectives have been defined, and we are now measuring our targets within the focus areas below. Some of these results and developments are commented in this report.

In 2021, we added Data Ethics to our focus and as a part of the CSR Report.



To help ensure a sustainable use of marine resources, TripleNine follows the recommendations of IFFO (The Marine Ingredients Organization), FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the

Sea). Consequently, TripleNine is certified according to the industry's Marine Trust standard for "Responsible Sourcing" and "Improver Programme" regarding blue whiting. We refer to our website <a href="https://www.999.dk">www.999.dk</a>

## **Environment and Climate**

In TripleNine, environmental efforts are guided by the company's environmental policy, which defines the overall approach to the area, including energy and climate change. Environmental policy covers, among others, reduction of emissions to air and water, use of environmentally friendly technology, training of employees and compliance with environmental legislation. The most significant risks are related to our energy consumption and emissions from our production. Therefore, there is a constant focus on implementing initiatives in these areas.

In TripleNine, we continuously seek to reduce our impact on surroundings and climate as well as to ensure that we are always capable of documenting our compliance with statutory environmental requirements. Moreover, we have a goal of being among the most energy efficient producers of fish meal and fish oil. Therefore, we continuously dedicate work to improve the energy consumption per unit produced, considering the technological and economical aspects as well as customers' and public authorities' demands.

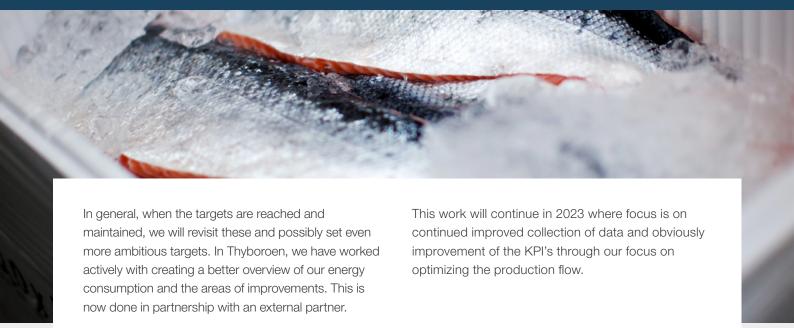
We believe the efforts made during 2022 have supported our target of continuous reduction of our environmental and climate impacts. In Thyboroen, this was an even more difficult year, balancing the energy optimizations with the insecurities in the (gas) supplies. Therefore, we have continued to look into alternatives both to optimize as well as to secure the ongoing production in these volatile times.

In 2020, we have set targets for some of these environmental aspects linked to UN SDG #12 in relation to reduce 1) Carbon footprint, 2) Energy and 3) Water used per ton produced.

We have used 2010 as the "Baseline year", and measured per production site within the last 7 years.

We can see that we still need to develop but in general we realize good improvements per site in all these KPI's. The reduction in KwH per ton has been reduced further in Esbjerg and in Norway during 2022, whereas the productions in Thyboroen and Chile have seen small increases. However, these are still lower than the basic year and we expect positive developments in future on both sites.

Regarding the water consumption we are still behind in relation to water used in Thyboroen. Here we also have made plans to improve.



## Quality

TripleNine's quality policy is the overall framework for our ongoing efforts to improve quality and addresses issues such as product safety, technological developments and compliance with relevant legislation and industry standards. We have high standards regarding quality and traceability of our products and want to ensure that we always deliver the specified products on time. The quality of our products must reflect that we, as a supplier to the feed industry, are part of the food chain.

TripleNine comply with the rules on food safety and the rules for GMP+ (Good Manufacturing Practice incl. HACCP) in Denmark and FEMAS in Norway. Through our management system, we continuously work to meet targets regarding the quality of our products, including meal yield, oil yield, freshness, (Total Volatile Nitrogen level) and customer complaints.

We trust our efforts during 2022 have supported our goals regarding producing and supplying high quality products matching the specifications agreed with our customers. In 2022 we have not had any recalls of products. There were no major complaints filed by customers and we find it important to secure the feed safety though our value chain.

In 2023, we continue to measure that we send no unsafe products to the markets and always deliver high quality products to our customers.





TripleNine wants to ensure the company is treating data in an ethical way, both in our daily work as well as a secure mean of communicating. We have in our internal intranet updated "Data Policy" and "Guidance" in the use of IT. If any doubts, our employees are requested to contact our IT Manager.

TripleNine's employee handbook and data/IT policies are always distributed to new employees to secure a uniform and safe way of handling data.

The responsibility of the embedded data ethics is placed at the Group CFO, who is responsible for IT.

We are still working on expanding our policy, so that Ethical data considerations are included in our

IT-policy which describes the guidelines for employees on how to treat, use and share data already in TripleNine's possession, considerations for bringing in new data as well as confidentiality that goes beyond GDPR regulation which is also covered in the policy. We hoped to have this work finished in 2022, but had to focus on IT security and IT organizational behavior instead. This also has great value to strengthen our IT set up, including the renewal of our Cyber Security set up and insurance. When completed, the policy will also describe how to deal with new types of data and sets standards for how suppliers and third parties are expected to comply with our responsible data management, including data ethics. This work is included in our Employee Handbook and will be updated regularly when necessary.





## Working and Social conditions

TripleNine wants to ensure competent and motivated employees, which is why continuous efforts are being made to create an optimal framework for the employees to continuously develop and thereby continuously ensure a high operational standard. The most significant risks are related to the physical working environment, where measures are continuously implemented to reduce risks.

TripleNine's employee policies are compiled in the employee handbook, which provides information about employment conditions such as e.g. education, alcohol, insurance and pension. TripleNine protects and upholds its employees' basic human rights by other means as for example through a clear zero-tolerance policy regarding discrimination and harassment. Moreover, we work continuously to ensure an inclusive, open workplace based on respect for each other and for our company. In 2023, we will implement a "whistleblower system" set up in accordance with governance in this area.

TripleNine fully recognizes our employees' rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining. It is i.e. stated in our local agreement in Thyboroen, that an employee will additionally receive 10 DKK per hour, if the employee is a member of a union under LO (Danish Labor Organization).

Likewise, we recognize our employees' rights to privacy and a healthy work-life balance.

Separate policies and processes have been developed in relation to working environment and safety to ensure that TripleNine continuously works to improve

the physical and psychological working environment, as well as the cooperation between employees. This work is concentrated around a safety and cooperative organization whose primary task is to plan, lead and coordinate working environment and safety matters. This is supported by a wide range of safety procedures in production, education courses, information and communication about new initiatives. This work has been intensified further through a more structured approach and set up in each location.

Efforts are made to recruit more trainees and apprentices to the company. We have expanded the positions for apprentices also to include white collar trainees. Likewise, we cooperate with public authorities to bring long-term unemployed people into internships and trial work programmes at TripleNine.

We have a target of no working accidents and this is recorded locally in each business unit. We see the development on a group level from 2017-2022. In 2022, we had a stabile number of working accidents in Thyboroen, Esbjerg, Norway and Chile (compared to 2021), so the work to eliminate this continues.

We have seen an increase in the illness percentage in all units. This is due some long-term illnesses in Esbjerg, Thyboroen and Chile. We continue to follow up closely and to prevent illness and working accidents.

We believe our continued efforts will support our objectives about ensuring competent and motivated employees as well as a healthy and safe working environment.

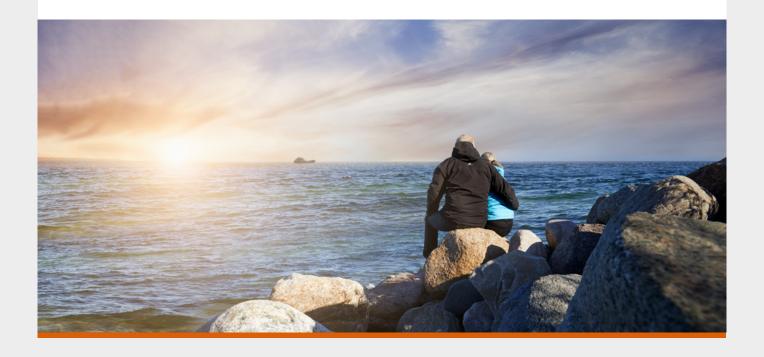


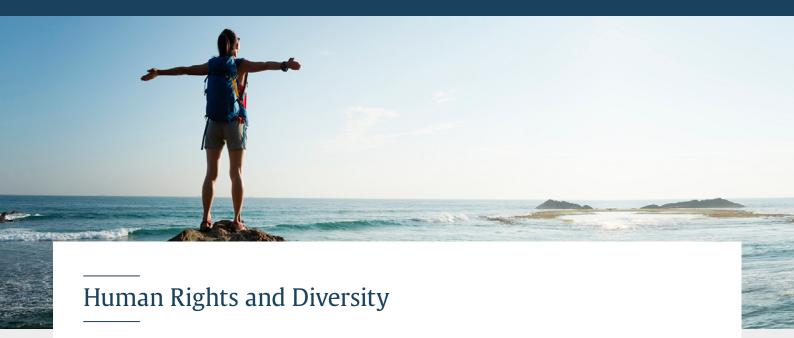
TripleNine is a professional and trustworthy player in the international business environment. Therefore, we do not accept corruption and bribery. We consider the biggest risks are related to gifts and events for customers, suppliers and other business partners. Therefore, we will develop an employee policy for giving and receiving gifts, as well as participating in and arranging events. This work is expected to be done by the end of 2023, as we see this as a part of the "commercial code of conduct". The purpose of the policy is, inter alia, to prevent and avoid that business decisions can be influenced by individual and/or non-business considerations and interests,

but also to make it easier for our employees to operate in this area.

No breaches were found in this area in 2022.

We will continue the work around formulating and implementing a commercial "Code of Conduct" in 2023 with focus on securing the behavior of our suppliers to comply with this policy. In 2022, we had more focus on our purchase and production parts, but this year, we wish to secure the commercial "code of conduct".





TripleNine respects and acts in accordance to the internationally recognized human rights and it is our goal not to violate these. Based on the UN Guidelines for Human Rights, we regularly follow up continuously on in which human rights areas TripleNine may have challenges – in addition to what is legally expected of us in the individual countries. The highest risk in this area is considered to be the risk of discrimination against employees. We have currently no distinct policy for this subject, however, in connection to the revision of our CSR strategy, guidelines will be developed to make it easier for our employees to navigate within this area. The reason why there is no policy for this today is that TripleNine follows the policies and laws of the countries in which we operate as well as the UN Guidelines for Human Rights.

In 2022, no violations related to human rights have been detected in TripleNine. We are always working towards respecting human rights and it will continue to be a focus area in 2023.

Triple Nine values diversity – also when it comes to gender balance in management. TripleNine targets that the underrepresented gender should comprise

at least 25 percent of the Board by the end of 2024. In 2022 the Board consisted of three men and hence the target has not been reached yet. As it is not considered necessary to add new competencies to the Board at present, the current Board members are expected to continue in the coming years. The target of the underrepresented gender to comprise minimum 25 percent of the Board is set for the end of 2024.

In TripleNine's day-to-day management organization, the gender distribution has changed in 2019, where the senior management now consist of 2 women and 8 men. TripleNine wishes a more even gender distribution in all management teams, but holds the policy of hiring and promoting based on qualifications and abilities. If candidates have a similar level of qualifications, the candidate whose gender is underrepresented in the management group will be preferred. As TripleNine operates in an industry which has traditionally attracted men, we have worked with removing any barriers to women with leadership potential as well as designed job advertisements to address both sexes. There will continue to be focus in this area in the future.

