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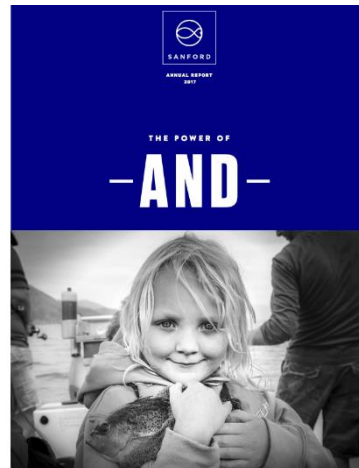
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Kiwi Seafood Company's Sustainability Recognised at the 2018 Australasian Reporting Awards

New Zealand seafood company Sanford has been recognised for the quality of its integrated report, winning the Sustainability Reporting Award at last night's ARA ceremony in Sydney and also taking home a clutch of final placings in multiple categories in the prestigious awards.

Sanford, New Zealand's oldest and largest seafood company, was recognised as a finalist in the Integrated Reporting, Communications and Best Report Cover categories. It also won the Hong Kong and Australasian Reporting Award for Sustainability, and received a Gold Award, having met the highest standard of reporting.

Sanford CEO Volker Kuntzsch says he's delighted by his team's efforts.



“It's wonderful for us to be recognised in this way. A lot of hard work goes into the writing of our integrated report and that reflects the tremendous effort happening more broadly behind the scenes at Sanford, to make us a company with sustainability at our heart.”

Lisa Martin, Sanford's GM of Sustainability and the principal author of the report was thrilled to be able to accept the award at last night's ceremony.

“This award really is recognition of the team effort that goes into creating an integrated report as comprehensive as ours. We have strived to reach new levels of transparency with our reporting and to lay out for all stakeholders, how central sustainable practice is to our culture and vision. I am so proud of the team I worked with to put our report together. They have truly earned this level of recognition.”

Acting CFO, Stuart Houlston was also in Sydney to also celebrate Sanford's success at the ARA awards .

“It was a great night and the culmination of successfully highlighting how we create value for all stakeholders through Sanford's focus on sustainability in everything we

do. To be recognised as a finalist in so many categories was really good news and we hope that every member of the Sanford team from Stewart Island to Coromandel knows that this belongs to them.”

The finalist placing for the cover of Sanford’s 2017 report will be a special moment for Sanford skipper John Bennett. It was his photograph of his granddaughter which was selected for the cover and Mr Kuntzsch says that image is really symbolic of what Sanford stands for.

“The picture of Charli cradling a fish she has just caught is so meaningful to us. It represents the future of seafood as we see it, caring for the precious resources from the sea and making sure there is an abundance of beautiful seafood for future generations.”

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About Sanford:

Sanford is New Zealand’s largest and oldest seafood company, holding 23% of quota under New Zealand’s Quota Management System. It was first listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange in 1924. It employs a total of 1700 staff and sharefishers in both fishing and aquaculture and operates out of 11 New Zealand sites from Stewart Island to Auckland.

About the ARA’s:

The Australasian Reporting Awards aim to contribute to the quality of financial reporting. In 2018 the Awards are in their 68th consecutive year.

The ARA’s purpose is to enable organisations to benchmark the quality of their annual reports against criteria based on world best practice.

Winning organisations may be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award. Reports that achieve a Gold Award satisfy all of the ARA criteria and should be model reports for other organisations to follow.