

Kaitiakitanga

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Kaitiaki is a New Zealand term used for the Māori concept of guardianship, for the sky, the sea, and the land. A kaitiaki is a guardian, and the process and practices of protecting and looking after the environment are referred to as kaitiakitanga. This is our Kaitiakitanga Statement.

MOTHER OF PEARL AND TROCHUS

Our free divers and shell buyers are citizens of Pacific communities who depend on sustainable relationships with the ocean lagoons in which they farm pearls or harvest trochus as a food source. They have for generations respected the origin, growth and delicate nature of these shells. Harvesting practices are in line with Kaitiakitanga, heritage and Government Fishery laws. Constant communication and regular site visits keep us – and our international partners – informed and accountable. The quality and supply of our overseas products are affected by changes in sustainable management plans, voluntary reductions in harvest quantities, minimum size limits, restrictions on harvesting areas and the viability of pearl farming businesses.

Ocean Shell maintains a thorough understanding of all relevant practices and legislation to ensure consistent, high quality products. We only deal with marine product exporters who hold a fisheries export licence, comply with biosecurity laws, can provide a Certificate of Origin, and are able to evidence the specific harvest area. We inspect these harvest areas regularly.

We have direct relationships with Government Fishery Departments in local areas to ensure we understand and comply with sustainability requirements. We ensure our shipments are checked by Government Fishery officials who check that minimum size and other requirements are adhered to. We source our White Mother of Pearl shell from Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and the Pacific Islands. Our Black Mother of Pearl shell comes from Tahiti, the Cook Islands and the Philippines. Our Trochus is from Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Sudan, the Philippines, Wallis and Fortuna, and Vanuatu. We manage over 80% of the Papua New Guinea Trochus harvest.

We absolutely oppose overfishing and exploitation of sea beds.



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