

Irish Premium Oysters/ Sliogeisc Na Rossan



Sustainability Programme
GOLD MEMBER
2020



Sliogeisc na Rossan trading as Irish Premium Oysters is a family-owned and managed business. Established in 1990 and the company produces approximately 200 tonnes of

Crassostrea Giga Oysters annually from Traigheanna Bay, Co. Donegal, Ireland where the local sea conditions are ideal for growing Pacific (Crassostrea Gigas) oysters. The company grows and sells more than two million oysters annually. The oysters are harvested under the strictest quality control, while the presentation of the product varies to complement the demands of a specific marketplace. They employ 14 staff members, part time and full time. Their oysters are grown using the ‘Trestle and Bag’ method. Typical daily operations include washing, grading and packing of the oysters. Sliogeisc Na Rossan’s primary market is Asia and it has a small local domestic market.

Exemplary Performance Target Areas

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 6

Raw Material Sourcing	Supplier Certification	
	Primary Producer Sustainability	★
	Packaging	★
Manufacturing Process	Water	
	Waste	
	Energy/Emissions	
	Biodiversity	
Social Sustainability	Employee Wellbeing	
	Community Engagement	★
	Health & Nutrition	
	Diversity & Inclusion	

Spotlight Target Area: Packaging ★

Sliogeisc Na Rossan have been a member of the Origin Green programme since 2015. The company is dedicated to championing sustainability in order to increase their resource efficiency and minimize their impact on the environment when producing their high quality oysters.

Being a verified member of Origin Green to date has enhanced their reputation internationally as a producer of high quality oysters and it allows them to highlight to their customers their commitment – independently verified - to sustainable farming and production.



Since their involvement in the programme 5 years ago Marion Gallagher, who leads their Origin Green plan, has worked with the team to meet targets across all aspects of their business: Raw material sourcing, operations, employee wellbeing and contributing to their local community.

Investing in Sustainable Packaging ★



One of their exemplary performances for 2019 was for exceeding the sustainability target set to use more sustainable packaging options, instead of polystyrene. After transit trialling biodegradable cardboard packaging, the team looked for a stronger solution that would maintain the high quality of their product in transit.

The team invested in a wooden box option and set a target for 2019. The team doubled their targeted amount of wooden boxes, replacing polystyrene boxes by 8,400. The team strives to use even more sustainable packaging while their business continues to grow.

“ We are honoured to be awarded Origin Green Gold Membership. Sustainability has been woven into the DNA of our aquaculture business and we are delighted to have our efforts recognised.”

Edward Gallagher, MD/CEO