

### Delhaize & its sustainable fish approach

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## **Delhaize Group at a Glance**

#### **United States:**

1,607 stores; USD 19.0 billion revenues (EUR 13.6 billion)

Food Lion, Hannaford, Sweetbay

#### Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany:

792 stores; EUR 4.6 billion revenues

#### Greece:

216 stores

EUR 1.5 billion revenues

#### <u>Delhaize Group</u>\*:

2,732 stores

141,000 associates

Revenues: EUR 19.9 billion

#### Rest of the World:

Romania, Indonesia

117 stores; EUR 233 million revenues





# **Delhaize Group's Strategic Focus**

Accelerate Profitable Revenue Growth

Pursue Best-in-Class Execution Operate as a Responsible Company

- Branding, concept differentiation
- Competitive pricing
- New business opportunities

- Executional Excellence
- Standardization

- Product
- People
- Planet





## Delhaize Belgium at a glance







## **Store concepts**



















# **Delhaize CR Strategy**

- PEOPLE
- PRODUCTS
- PLANET











### **People**



Delhaize takes care of people (associates, customers, suppliers, ...):

- Training Program and Development Career Program
- Health & Wellness program for associates and customers
- Community (e.g. Food Banks)
- Diversity







#### **Products**



- Responsible Sourcing:
  Organic, Eco, FairTrade,
  Sustainable fishing, local
  sourcing, economic light
  bulbs, social compliance (BSCI standards)
- Food Safety & Nutrition: "Auto-control system" certification, food safety programs, packaging information
- Packaging and Waste: Eco packaging, Fruitnet, ...



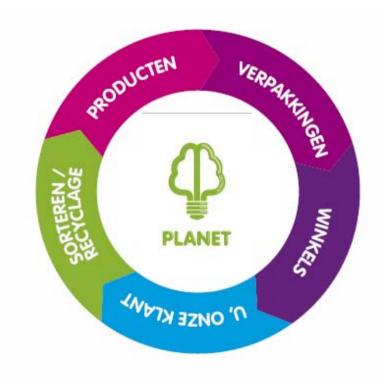








### **Planet**



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## **Belgian Consumer Trends Fish**

- 1. Short term trends
  - a. Convenience
    - Filets
    - No skin
    - Marinated / seasoned
  - b. Boneless fish (or limited bones)
  - c. Longer product codes



- a. Health and nutrition
- b. L.A.T.T.E. (Local, Authentic (back to basics), Traceable, Trusted (Transparent), Ethical)
- c. Corporate Responsibility
- d. Value solutions







#### Sustainable fish

- One of the top priorities within our responsible sourcing strategy
- Because of years of overfishing and an increasing fish consumption, several fish species have become endangered in their existence
- Certain fishing methods are much more sustainable and respectful for the fauna & flora of the oceans than others
- If we want to continue offering fresh fish to the next generations of customers, we need to take care of the current & future fish stocks
- □ Delhaize wants to take a leadership position in the Belgian market
- Goal: having the most sustainable offer of fish





## **Current sustainable fish strategy**

- Sustainability is an ambition, next to offering an attractive assortment and offering sharp prices
- We prefer and monitor aquaculture for sustainability
  - Aquaculture where needed
  - Fullfill Globalgap norms and be ACC/GAA certified
  - Favour ecological aquaculture with respect for animal welfare





## **Current sustainable fish strategy**

- Wildcatch: based on following principles
  - Line-fishing rather than trawler fishing
  - Favoring supplies from Iceland (line-catch)
  - MSC certification where available (maatjes, salmon, saithe, ...)
  - Trustworthy suppliers and traceable supplies
  - No vulnerable fish (plaice) during spawning period
  - We don't offer really endangered species (we don't sell bluefin tuna, eel & swordfish)
- ☐ Freshness, quality and taste are always a condition sine qua non







### **Partnership WWF**



- A partnership to bring common actions into play to further reduce in the long term the environmental impact of Delhaize's companyoperated activities in Belgium.
- □ The partnership focuses in a first phase on sustainable fish.
  - WWF will support Delhaize to develop a sustainable sourcing policy for seafood
  - Goal: a 100% responsible supply chain for seafood by 2012
  - WWF and Delhaize will support and promote responsible consumption behaviour through awareness actions targeted to staff and customers
- → The WWF allows us to further improve the sustainability of our fish assortment and allows us to develop comprehensive and credible communication towards our customers and associates





### **Action plan**

- Assessment of complete fish assortment (fresh, frozen, canned, prepared meals, etc.)
- □ Focus in the first phase on our fresh fish assortment
  - Making sure Delhaize doesn't sell fish that is endangered
    - · Stop selling specific species, e.g. bluefin tuna, swordfish, eel
    - Finding more sustainable alternatives from other regions, fished in a more sustainable way or coming from aquaculture
  - Training for our associates
  - Develop clear customer-oriented communication through mailing and in-store





### **Challenges**

- Opt for sustainable fish species vs. commercial choices
  - → We need to engage the customer!
- Continuous changes in fish stocks worldwide
  - → what is sustainable today, might no longer be sustainable tomorrow & vice versa





# Thank you

