

Collaborations and Memberships – Food

The following table summarises our key collaborations and memberships of relevance to our Food business. We outline the main reasons why we're involved with each of these organisations.

Organisation	Type	Member Since	Status	Why we're involved
Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board	Industry Association	2000	Levy Board that supports UK Farming and therefore M&S Select Farms.	To collaborate on agricultural and horticultural research
Alliance Food Sourcing (AFS)	Multi-Stakeholder Initiative (MSI)	2024	Participating company and founding member	To promote and actively reduce food waste in the supply chain - by working with suppliers to donate surplus ingredients to Fareshare & Felix to make new meals
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)	Research Council	2012	Member of Bioscience for Industry Strategy Advisory Panel and Diet and Health Research Industry Club (DRINC)	To provide strategic input into non-medical bioscience research needs
BRC / Mondra Coalition	MSI	2023	Participating company and founding member	To support the alignment of product carbon footprinting approaches in the UK Food and Drink sector.
British Nutrition Foundation	Non-Profit Organisation	1967	Participating company and member of Industrial Scientists Committee	To challenge current practices and to provide evidence-based scientific insight and information on a broad range of nutrition and health matters
British Retail Consortium	Industry Association	1992 (and prior to this the British Retailers Association)	Participating company, member of the Policy Board, member of the Food Strategy Member Group and represented on a number of Working Groups including Environment, Responsible Sourcing and Nutrition.	To help drive and shape the retail agenda whilst making sure our own business priorities are represented

Care Peru	NGO	2024	Project partner	Charity partner helping to deliver Cup of ambition objectives
Egyptian Ethical Forums	MSI	2025	MSI	Capacity building for growers in Egypt on human rights
Emerging Leaders	Non-Profit Organisation	2011	First retailer partner and ongoing relationship. Previous Member of the Board	To support programmes which encourage workers to take leadership of their own lives to benefit themselves, their families, workforce and communities
Ethical Trading Initiative	MSI	1999	Participating company and founding member.	To drive continuous improvement of working conditions in global supply chains
Fair Labor Association	NGO	2019	NGO / delivery partner	Deliver industry programme in M&S Turkish supply chains
Fairtrade	NGO	2004	Project partner / certification body	A key stakeholder across multiple supply chains (cocoa, tea, coffee, sugar) and implementing certification
Fairtrade Foundation	NGO	2024	Project partner	Charity partner helping to deliver Cup of ambition objectives
Fenland Soil Partnership	MSI	2023	Participating company	To promote sustainable use of Fenland Soils
Fifty Eight	delivery partner	2019 (?)	delivery partner	Just Good Work app (UK, Spain, Egypt)

Fisheries Innovation Scotland (FIS)	Non-Profit Organisation	2018	Participating Company and Member of the Board of Trustees	To help improve the sustainability of UK fisheries
Food Network for Ethical Trade (FNET)	Non-Profit Organisation	2016	Founding member and have been a member of the Board	To promote ethical trade and human rights throughout the food supply chain
Forever Sabah	NGO	2012	NGO	Delivery partner for RSPO training for smallholders in Malaysia
Fresh Produce Consortium	Industry Association	2000	Participating company	To help drive collective change across the produce sector
Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative	Industry Association	2013	Participating company	To ensure confidence in the supply and promotion of certified seafood
IDH	MSI	2023	MSI	Living wage in bananas
Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD)	Non-Profit Organisation	1974	Participating company and member of a number of industry groups e.g. Environmental Labelling Group, Reuse group etc.	To help drive and shape the food and grocery industry whilst making sure our own business priorities are represented
Institute of Human Rights and Business	MSI	2017	MSI	Convenor of LGRR (EPP)
International Cocoa Initiative	MSI	2014	Participating company and first retail member	To eradicate child labour in cocoa production

International Fund for Fisher Safety	NGO	2026	NGO	Deliver fisher safety programme in Indonesia with M&S funding
International Pool and Line Foundation (IPNLF)	Non-Profit Organisation	2013	Participating company and supporting the Indonesian Pole and Handline Tuna Fisheries Improvement Project	To help develop socially and environmentally responsible one-by-one tuna fisheries
Linking Environment & Farming (LEAF)	M&S Farming Programme	2000	Project partner	A long-term partnership to promote sustainable practices in our farming supply chains
Linking Environment & Farming (LEAF)	Industry Association	2000	Member company	To support the development and rollout of the standard across the farming community.
Modern Slavery & Intelligence Network	MSI	2021	MSI	Modern slavery disruption
On-Pack Recycling Label Ltd	Non-Profit Organisation	2009	Participating company and previous member of the Board	To promote the delivery of a simple, consistent and UK-wide recycling message on packaging
Project Waterfall	NGO	2025	Project partner	Charity partner helping to deliver Cup of ambition objectives
Rainforest Alliance	Certification Body	?	certification body	Bananas, cocoa
Retail Soy Group	Industry Association	2013	Participating company	Working with other retailers to promote sustainable soy production, ensuring it is deforestation and conversion-free, focusing on collaboration, capacity building, policy engagement, and

				transparency to achieve a more responsible soy supply chain.
Retailer Palm Oil Group	MSI	2014	Participating company	To drive sustainable palm oil in UK market
Round Table on Responsible Soy (RTRS)	MSI	2010	Participating company	To improve global standards for sustainable production of soy
Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)	MSI	2006	Participating company and previous member of the Board	To improve global standards for sustainable palm oil
Royal Countryside Fund	Non-Profit Organisation	2012	Supporting Company. The PCF supports UK farming and rural communities at times of crisis.	To promote Farming for the Future programme and support projects which aim to secure a sustainable future for British agriculture and the wider rural economy
Seafish Responsible Fishing Scheme (RFS)	Industry Association	2014	Member of Oversight Board	To facilitate continuous improvement in the catching sector and ensure fish landed by vessel have been responsibly caught
Soil Association	Non-Profit Organisation	1998	Participating company	To support the development of organic standards
Soil Association Exchange	M&S Farming Programme	2024	Project partner	To deliver our signature farmer and grower support programme
Spanish Ethical Trade Forums	MSI	2015	MSI	Capacity building for growers in Spain on human rights

Stronger Together	MSI	2013	MSI	Capacity building for supply chain on modern slavery, also Secretariat for SWS TF
Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex)	Membership Organisation	2004	Founding member, participating company and have been a member of the Board	To drive continuous improvement of working and environmental conditions in global supply chains
Sustainable Seafood Coalition	Industry Association	2011	Participating company	To promote sustainable sourcing of seafood
Sustainable Soils Management	M&S Farming Programme	2024	Project partner	To deliver our signature farmer and grower support programme
Sustainable Spices Initiative	MSI	2026	Participating company	To support with sourcing sustainable herbs and spices
UK Cocoa Coalition	MSI	2025	Participating company	To drive environmental and social improvements in the cocoa sector
UK Soy Manifesto	MSI	2021	Participating company	Promote sustainable agricultural practices and reduce the environmental impact of soy production. Help to drive and shape the retail agenda whilst making sure our own business priorities are represented
UK SWS Taskforce	MSI	2022	MSI	Capacity building for growers in UK on human rights
Unseen	Service Provider	2019	Service Provider	Run Modern Slavery Helpline and MSH Business Portal

Wine and Spirit Trade Association	Industry Association	Prior to 1996	Participating company	To promote the responsible production, marketing and sale of alcohol and to share best practice
World Coffee Research	NGO	2025	Project partner	Charity partner helping to deliver Cup of ambition objectives
WRAP Food and Drink Pact	MSI	2025	Signatory	Formerly Courtauld Commitment
WWF - Fisheries Partnership Programme	Non-Profit Organisation	2015	Project partner	To help improve the long term sustainability of fisheries and fishery assessment.
WWF Retailer Commitment for Nature	Industry Association	2021	Participating company and founding member	Working with WWF to halve the environmental impact of UK Baskets by 2030
&wider	Service Provider	2023	delivery partner	Worker Voice Programme