



# CASTLETOWNBERE FISHERMEN'S CO-OP SOCIETY

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## Channel:

Foodservice

Retail

Castletownbere Fisherman's Co-operative Society Ltd was founded in 1968 by a group of fishermen who came together with the initial aim of purchasing fuel in bulk. This idea expanded, resulting in the group forming a sales company to sell their fish.



In 1983, the Co-op opened its first fish processing unit at the main pier in Castletownbere. Seven years later, it purchased the Riocht Fish Processing Plant in Dinish from the Hal-Lal group. The year 2004 saw the plant extended to 5000sq.m. where it can now process in large quantities, therefore reducing the number of links in the supply chain from fisherman to consumer.

Castletownbere Co-op operates its own processing plant which has 60 tonnes of chill, 200 tonnes of cold storage and 50 tonnes of freezing capacity. Over 40 years of trading in fish, it has built up markets for its products all over the world, from Japan to Africa, as well as Ireland and Europe.

The Co-op is owned exclusively by its members as a body, and built on a tradition of supplying quality seafood products from its state-of-the-art premises in Castletownbere.

## Why Us

The company has its own raw material source with approximately 100 member vessels landing fish to its facility.

The Co-op has nine Frozen at Sea factory vessels that source prawns in various fishing grounds, including the lucrative Porcupine Bank, Jones Bank and Labadie Bank. The vessels process these prawns, freeze them at sea and land them directly in Castletownbere where they are branded with the Castletownbere Co-op Logo, creating a premium product for the end consumer.

In addition to this, it provides a shelf life of up to two years on its vacuum-packed pelagic products.

## Our product range





Gutted Fresh Whitefish, All Species  
Whole Fresh Whitefish, Limited Species  
Whole Fresh Crab/Crab Claws  
Whole Fresh Squid  
Whole Frozen Herring (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Headed And Gutted Frozen Herring (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Frozen Herring Flaps (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Whole Frozen Mackerel (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Headed And Gutted Frozen Mackerel ( +/- Vacuum Packing)  
Frozen Mackerel Flaps (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Whole Frozen Sprat, Horse Mackerel, Boarfish (+/- Vacuum Packing)  
Whole Fresh Herring, Mackerel, Boarfish, Horse Mackerel, Albacore Tuna,  
Bluefin Tuna  
Whole Frozen Prawns, Male 8 Different Grades  
Whole Frozen Prawns, Female 5 Different Grades  
Whole Fresh Prawns 8 Different Grades/Mixed  
Frozen Prawn Tails 3 Different Grades  
Fresh Prawn Tails 3 Different Grades/Mixed

## Markets

Africa

Europe

UK & NI

## Our Accreditations

- BRC

- Origin Green Verified

## Our Awards

Green Seafood Business of the Year 2017, Green Business of the Year 2017