



**EHEDG NZ Committee Member Profile**

**Name:** Gary Guo  
**Company:** North Island Mussels Ltd. (NIML)  
**Position:** Technical Manager  
**Location:** Tauranga  
**Committee Role:** General Member (Seafood Manufacturing Sector)



**Biography:**

Gary has worked in the NZ Food Industry for over 12 years in multiple food manufacturing sectors including dairy (cheese, milk powder and infant formula manufacture), dry pet food production and the seafood industry, most specifically the production of Greenshell™ mussels and subsidiary products.

Gary qualified with a B. Food Technology (Honours) Degree from Massey University in 2007.

Gary is passionate about food safety and food quality and has worked mostly in QA / food

safety fields for the companies including his current role of Technical Manager for North Island Mussels Ltd. (NIML), where he has worked since 2011. His experience has involved significant roles in managing and dealing with many diverse food safety / quality issues including leadership of major business threatening bacterial event management and recovery.

In addition to his current focus on QA and food safety management for NIML, he also has experience in product development and supplier auditing from his previous roles with companies including Nestle and Fonterra. His work at NIML has also taken in product and process development for marinated mussel products.

Gary is acutely aware of the importance that best practice hygienic design has in the production of 'safe' mussel products, because of the complexity of mussel processing covering harvesting, thermal treatment, automated opening systems, significant manual processing and inspection and extensive conveying and freezing lines. All parts of the process require detailed management of hygiene and hygienic design and Gary has developed extensive practical expertise in this area, expertise which he is further building through EHEDG and is keen to share his practical application knowledge with the food industry.



North Island Mussels Limited is the largest Greenshell™ mussel processing company in North Island NZ with joint ownership through two of New Zealand's leading food processing companies, Sanford and Cedenco.

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