



By-Product assessment report

BP 115

Sardinas de Sonora SA de CV

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1. Application details		
Applicant	Sardinas de Sonora SA de CV	
Applicant country	Mexico	
2. Certification Body details		
Name of Certification Body (CB)	LRQA	
Contact information for CB	mt-ca@lrqa.com	
Assessor name	Blanca Gonzalez	
CB internal peer reviewer name	Sam Peacock	
Internal peer review evaluation	Agree with evaluation	
Number of Assessment days	0.2	
Comments on the assessment	<p>The two byproduct species listed in this report are not considered ETP species according to the Marin Trust definition, fulfilling this requirement for the assessment.</p> <p>Both species require a step 3 assessment evaluation due to Mexico's high-risk flag state. However, these byproducts are derived from a whole fish fishery that is already Marin Trust approved up to December 2025. The whole fish assessment report matched both species here listed, thus step 3 is not required according to Marin Trust By-product assessment criteria and risk was downgraded to medium risk approving these byproducts, but they should be source with caution.</p>	
3. Approval validity	Valid from 05/2025	Valid until 05/2026
4. Assessment cycle	Initial	

5. By-product assessment outcomes
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By-product species name <i>Common and Latin names</i>	Flag country(ies)	Fishing Areas <i>Only applicable to Step 3 assessed species</i>	MarinTrust approval status
Pacific jack mackerel - <i>Trachurus symmetricus</i>	Mexico	State of Sonora, Gulf of California	Approved source with caution
Japanese sardine - <i>Etrumeus teres</i>	Mexico	State of Sonora, Gulf of California	Approved source with caution

Guidance for on-site auditor

For the audit, the auditor will check how the facility manages by-products deemed medium risk. Any by-products downrated from high to medium risk will require additional due diligence checks.

It is important that facilities check all raw materials from and verify their suppliers especially if there is a perceived risk of sourcing from known or suspected IUU fishing activity. This requires checking supplier records or procedures in place to understand how the supplier can ensure there is no IUU in the raw material they provide. For raw materials risk rated medium, additional or more frequent checks may be required until the facility is certain that the raw materials are not from IUU fishing activity.

The audit requirements are covered in clause 2.11.3 of the MarinTrust Global Standard for Responsible Supply of Marine Ingredients (the MarinTrust Standard) and associated interpretation guidance.

Approved by-products

- No further checks are required beyond those included in the MarinTrust Standard.

Additional checks of Approved Source with Caution by-products

- Review supplier records or procedures in place.

Additional checks of by-products Approved Source with Caution via Step 3 assessment

- In addition to checks for medium risk Approved Source with Caution by-products, by-products that have had risk downgraded from high to medium at Step 3 (use **Appendix 1** to identify these by-product species), confirm that the relevant traceability information continues to be collected for this by-product. During the audit, a traceability check on any by-products downgraded from high to medium risk shall be included as part of the required traceability checks (Section 4).

Guidance for the applicant/certificate holder

The applicant/certificate holder is responsible for ensuring the relevant actions are taken to comply with the MarinTrust Standard.

The certificate holder is responsible for communicating any changes to the by-products sourced by submitting a scope extension request through the MarinTrust online Application Portal.

Appendix 1 – assessment outcomes

Step 2 Assessment Outcomes

By-product species name <i>Common and Latin names</i>	Flag country(ies)	IUCN Red List <i>Select IUCN red list category from dropdown</i>	CITES Appendices <i>Select CITES appendix status from dropdown</i>	Step 2 risk status <i>Low risk/ Medium risk/ High risk</i>	Step 3 required <i>Yes / No</i>
Pacific jack mackerel - <i>Trachurus symmetricus</i>	Mexico	Least concern	Not listed	High risk	Yes
Japanese sardine - <i>Etrumeus teres</i>	Mexico	Least concern	Not listed	High risk	Yes

Step 3 Assessment Outcomes

Assessor note: All species identified as requiring Step 3 in Table above, will have additional assessment information presented here.

By-product species name Common and Latin names	Flag country(ies)	Fishing Area	Stock name (If applicable e.g. Eastern Pacific stock)	Category C Assessment Outcome Pass/Fail	Traceability information Path 1 – Yes OR Path 2 – Yes/No OR MT Approved Whole Fish	Step 3 Risk Outcome Risk downgraded to Medium Risk/ Remains High Risk
Pacific jack mackerel - <i>Trachurus symmetricus</i>	Mexico	State of Sonora	Gulf of California	NA	MT Approved Whole Fish	Risk downgraded to Medium Risk
Japanese sardine - <i>Etrumeus teres</i>	Mexico	State of Sonora	Gulf of California	NA	MT Approved Whole Fish	Risk downgraded to Medium Risk
Comments on Step 3 Assessment: N/A						

Appendix 2 – detailed assessment outcomes

(step 2 and step 3 if applicable)

Step 2 outcomes

Assessor note: Copy and paste from Spreadsheet .

Flag state	Risk rating	Flag score	Port score	General score	Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	'Carded' under EU Carding system	Flag state party to PSMA	Flag state mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	WGI Governance rank
Mexico	High	2.25	3.06	2.78	2	1	5	1	46.70%

Step 3 outcomes

Category C assessment

Assessor note: Duplicate for each species/stock

Species name			
Fishing area and stock			
C1	Category C Stock Status - Minimum Requirements		
	C1.1	Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
	C1.2	The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
			Clause outcome:
<p>C1.1 Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.</p> <p>C1.2 The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.</p>			
References			

Traceability information

Information provided for Step 3 Path 1 or Path 2

Assessor note: Duplicate for each species/stock

Species name				
Path 1		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Confirm all KDEs are provided		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Path 2		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If yes for Path 2, complete the next section</i>		
Path 2 outcome	Flag country	Coastal score	Port score	Risk outcome

<i>Countries may be different for Coastal State and Port State.</i>				
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