



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

Mixed species pelagic Sardinops sagax

Opisthonema spp., FAO 77 Pacific

*Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf
of California*

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Mixed species pelagic <i>Sardinops sagax</i> <i>Opisthonema spp.</i>
	Geographical area:	FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California
	Stock:	FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California
	Gear:	Purse seine
MSC Certification Report Reference	Finland Baltic herring and sprat	
Date	February 2022	
Report Code	MSCV 17 (2021)	
Assessor	Conor Donnelly	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome	
Company Name(s): Maz Industrial, Industrias Bardas, Pacifico Industrial, Sardinias de Sonora, Guaymas Protein	
Country: Mexico	
Email address:	Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details	
Name of Certification Body:	Global Trust Certification
Assessor	Conor Donnelly
Verification Period	To February 2022

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and Area)	Pacific sardine (<i>Sardinops sagax</i>), thread herring complex (<i>Opisthonema spp.</i>); Mexican territorial waters in the central-northern Gulf of California, in NW Mexico	Mixed species pelagic <i>Sardinops sagax</i> , <i>Opisthonema spp.</i> ; FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California	Scope matches
Stock	Northern/Central Gulf of California Pacific sardine, Northern/Central Gulf of California thread herring complex	FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California	Scope matches
Vessel list	Latest vessel list available appears to be in Public Certification Report at https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/small-pelagics-fishery-in-sonora-gulf-of-california/@assessment	Maz industrial fleet CANAIPES	Scope matches
Determination			
The applicant is sourcing from MSC fisheries and the scope of the client's application with regard this species/stock and the MSC UoA matches. Accordingly, the stock is APPROVED in line with section 1.2 of the MarinTrust Standard v2.0.			
Notes for On-site Auditor			
NA			

Assessor Guidance

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS VERIFICATION REPORT

The process for completing the template for MSC Verification is as follows:

1. Compare the scopes of the MSC certification and the MarinTrust applicant fishery. Use **TABLE 3** definitions to complete Results section.
2. Reach a final approval recommendation. After completing Scope **TABLE 3** the assessment team will be able to provide a final decision on approval. Results shown in **TABLE 2**.

Table 3 Scope definitions according to standards

Definition	MSC Unit of Certification Definition (V1.3)	MSC Unit of Certification Definition (MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements v 2.0)	MARINTRUST Unit of Approval definition	Scope comparison
Target Species	The target species	The target species	Intended species which is sought after and the focus of fishing effort	
Results	NA	Pacific sardine (<i>Sardinops sagax</i>), thread herring complex (<i>Opisthonema spp.</i>)	Mixed species pelagic <i>Sardinops sagax</i>, <i>Opisthonema spp</i>	Scope matches
Stock Definition	The target stock (s)	A description of the biological unit stock exploited by the fishery, as commonly used in management and assessment reports (e.g. North Sea spring spawning herring).	Subpopulation of species which is self-sustaining within a distinct area, as commonly used in management and assessment reports	

			(e.g. North Sea spring spawning herring).	
Results	NA	Northern/Central Gulf of California Pacific sardine, Northern/Central Gulf of California thread herring complex	FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California	Applicant description is less specific than MSC but appears to match
Geographic Area		A description of the geographic area within which the fishery is undertaken. This may be only a part or the entire stock unit included under stock name. FAO and ICES definitions used.	Area of the sea designated by the FAO and ICES	
Results		Mexican territorial waters in the central-northern Gulf of California, in NW Mexico	FAO 77 Pacific Eastern Central, Northern-central Gulf of California	Applicant description is less specific than MSC but appears to match
Harvest Method	The fishing method or gear	FAO defined gear terminology and/or legally defined/recognised in that jurisdiction used to describe fishing gears.	Fishing equipment as defined by the FAO or that designated by the legal authorities	
Results		Purse seine	Purse seine	Scope matches
Fleets, individual vessels	Practice (including vessels) pursuing that stock	Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate.	Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate, through the factory.	

Results		<p>Latest vessel list available appears to be in the Public Certification Report at https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/small-pelagics-fishery-in-sonora-gulf-of-california/@assessments</p> <p>Comprises 46 purse seine vessel members of the National Chamber of Fisheries and Aquaculture Industries (CANAINPES)</p>	Maz industrial fleet CANAIPES.	Scope appears to match. MSC vessel list includes vessels from Maz Sardina S.A.
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