



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

Sprat (Sprattus sprattus) North Sea

MarinTrust Programme

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>)
	Geographical area:	FAO 27 northeast Atlantic Ocean
	Stock:	Sprat in Subarea 4 (North Sea)
	Gear:	Trawl, Purse seine
MSC Certification Report Reference	Norway sandeel, pout and North Sea sprat	
Date	May 2023	
Report Code	MSCV 4	
Assessor	Matthew Jew	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome	
Company Name(s): Bodø Sildoljefabrikk, Egersund Sildoljefabrikk, Karmsund, Karmsund Protein A/S, Måløy Sildoljefabrikk, TripleNine Vedde AS	
Country: Norway	
Email address:	Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details	
Name of Certification Body:	Global Trust Certification
Assessor	Matthew Jew
Verification Period	To May 2023

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and Area)	Sprat in ICES Subarea 4 and Subdivision 3.a (North Sea and Skagerrak/ Kattegat)	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>); ICES divisions IV (FAO statistical area 27)	Scope matches
Stock	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea)	North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat – Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a	Scope matches
Vessel list	All registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the Unit of Certification	Vessel List for the PFA & SPSPG, SPFPO, DFPO and DPPO North Sea herring fishery; Vessel List SPFPO Swedish North Sea Herring; Norges Fiskarlag / The Norwegian Fishermen's Association	Scope matches
Determination			
The applicant is sourcing from an MSC fishery and the scope of the clients application with regard this species/stock and the MSC UoA matches. Accordingly, the stock is automatically 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		Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>)	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</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		Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea)	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea)	Scope matches
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	Area of the sea designated by the FAO and ICES	

		under stock name. FAO and ICES definitions used.		
Results		ICES Subarea 4 and Subdivision 3.a (North Sea and Skaggerak/ Kattegat)	Subarea 4 (North Sea)	Scope matches
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		Bottom trawl, midwater trawl, and purse seine	'Trawl and 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		All registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the Unit of Certification	Vessel List for the PFA & SPSG, SPFPO, DFPO and DPPO North Sea herring fishery; Vessel List SPFPO Swedish North Sea Herring; Norges Fiskarlag / The Norwegian Fishermen's Association	Scope matches