



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

MSCV04

Sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) in 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, ICES 4
	Stock:	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea)
	Gear:	Trawl, Purse seine
MSC Certification Report Reference	Norway sandeel and North Sea sprat	
Date	27 th April 2025	
Report Code	MSCV04	
Assessor	ANA ELISA ALMEIDA AYRES	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome		
Company Name(s): Pelagia Karmsund Fiskemel, Pelagia Bodø Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Måløy Sildoljefabrikk, TripleNine Vedde AS, Pelagia Egersund Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Karmsund Protein AS, Prima Protein AS		
Country: Norway		
Email address:		Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details		
Name of Certification Body:		Global Certification Trust/NSF
Assessor	ANA ELISA ALMEIDA AYRES	
Verification Period	April 2025 – April 2026	

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>) in ICES Division 4 (FAO statistical area 27)	Scope matches
Stock	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
Vessel list	<p>According to the last MSC assessment from December 2023 of the Norway sandeel and North Sea sprat fishery (Public Certification Report - page 188), the vessel list includes all Norwegian vessels with legal quota, and can be verified via the DoF registry: https://www.fiskeridir.no/Yrkesfiske/Registre-og-skjema/Fartoyregisteret/fartoy-kvote-ogfangst</p> <p>Moreover, on page 23 of the same assessment is clarified that Norges Sildesalgslag is a sales organization holding the responsibility for the catch certificate for all Norwegian fisheries through a separate company (Catch Certificate SA, https://www.catchcertificate.no/) and is part of the MSC client group project.</p>	The representatives of the MarinTrust applicants Triple Nine Vedde and Pelagia AS guaranteed that their companies obtain all fish through <i>Norges Sildesalgslag</i> , which is part of the “MSC client group project” for this fishery	Scope matches
Determination			
<p>The applicant is sourcing from an MSC fishery and the scope of the client’s application with regard species/stock/area/vessel list and the MSC UoA matches. According to the MSC reassessment report for this fishery, the sales organization for the Norway sandeel and North Sea sprat fisheries is Norges Sildesalgslag, which is required to record all landings of fish in Norway. Norges Sildesalgslag is owned by fishermen and vessel owners and is part of the “MSC client group project”. Therefore, relying on the information that all fish of the MarinTrust applicants is provided by Norges Sildesalgslag, which is part of the “MSC client group project” for this fishery, MarinTrust team decided that the stock is APPROVED in line with the MarinTrust Standard.</p>			
Notes for On-site Auditor			
N/A			

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 in ICES Subarea 4 and Subdivision 3.a (North Sea and Skagerrak/ Kattegat)	Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) ICES Division 4 (FAO statistical area 27)	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	NA	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		ICES Subarea 4 and Subdivision 3.a (North Sea and Skaggeirak/ Kattegat)	ICES 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		<p>According to the last MSC assessment from December 2023 of the Norway sandeel and North Sea sprat fishery (Public Certification Report - page 188), the vessel list includes all Norwegian vessels with legal quota, and can be verified via the DoF registry: https://www.fiskeridir.no/Yrkesfiske/Registre-og-skjema/Fartoeyregisteret/fartoys-kvote-ogfangst</p> <p>Moreover, on page 23 of the same assessment is clarified that Norges Sildesalgslag is a sales organization holding the responsibility for the catch certificate for all Norwegian fisheries through a separate company (Catch Certificate SA, https://www.catchcertificate.no/) and is part of the MSC client group project.</p>	The representatives of Triple Nine Vedde and Pelagia AS guaranteed that their companies obtain all fish through Norges Sildeslagslag, which is part of the “MSC client group project” for this fishery. Triple Nine Vedde also clarified that there is an external official surveyor according to legislation that control all landings and also type and volume of fish landed for each fishing vessel. This surveyor also control that the boat is legally registered and fishing according to its quota.	Scope matches