



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

MSCV06

Herring (*Clupea harengus*)

in ICES 4 (North Sea)

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
	Geographical area:	FAO 27, ICES 4
	Stock:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)
	Gear:	Pelagic trawl, purse seine
MSC Certification Report Reference	Norway North Sea herring	
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 Protein AS, Pelagia Måløy Sildoljefabrikk, TripleNine Vedde AS, Pelagia Bodø Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Egersund Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Karmsund Fiskemel, Prima Protein AS	
Country: Norway	
Email address:	Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details	
Name of Certification Body:	NSF / Global Trust Certification
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)	Herring in ICES subarea 4 within Norwegian EEZ	Herring in FAO 27, ICES	Scope matches
Stock	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	Scope matches
Vessel list	Norges Fiskarlag/The Norwegian Fishermen's Association (NFA) that represents all registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the Unit of Certification: https://www.fiskebat.no/medlemsfartoy All products from the fishery landed by Norwegian vessels, sold through or by approval from Norges Sildesalgslag are covered by MSC certificate	The representatives of the MarinTrust applicants 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	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. The client for the Norway North Sea herring - MSC fishery is Norges Fiskarlag/The Norwegian Fishermen's Association (NFA) that represents all registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the Unit of Certification. All products from the fishery landed by Norwegian vessels, sold through or by approval from Norges Sildesalgslag are covered by MSC certificate. Norges Sildeslagslag 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 Sildeslagslag, 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		Herring in ICES subarea 4 within Norwegian EEZ	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	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		North Sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	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 Division 4; within exclusive economic zone of Norway	Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	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		Purse seine and pelagic trawl	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		Norges Fiskarlag/The Norwegian Fishermen's Association (NFA) that represents all registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the Unit of Certification. All products from the fishery landed by Norwegian vessels, sold through or by approval from <i>Norges Sildeslagslag</i> are covered by MSC certificate.	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.	Scope matches