



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

Denmark

*Capelin (*Mallotus vilosus*)*

*FAO 27, ICES 2.a West of 5°W, 5, 14 - FAO 27, ICES 2.a West of
5°W, 5, 14*

MSCV17

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Capelin (<i>Mallotus vilosus</i>) [Loðna, in Icelandic]
	Geographical area:	Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen area)
	Stock:	Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen area)
	Gear:	Pelagic trawl
MSC Certification Report Reference	ISF Iceland Capelin https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/isf-iceland-capelin/	
Date	November 2025	
Report Code	MSCV17	
Assessor	Ana Ayres	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome		
Company Name(s): Thyborøn (TripleNine)		
Country: Denmark		
Email address:		Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details		
Name of Certification Body:		NSF / Global Trust Certification Ltd
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	
Verification Period	September 2025 – September 2026	

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Specie/Area)	Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>), Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen area	Scope matches
Stock	Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	Scope matches
Vessel list	The client group is Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf (ISF). Other eligible fishers, outside the client group, are 1) all Icelandic vessels that carry valid permits issued by the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries to target capelin in Icelandic waters, Faroes waters, east Greenland and Jan Mayen area; 2) Faroese, Greenlandic and Norwegian vessels that are authorised to fish for capelin in Icelandic waters through bilateral agreements with Iceland.	The MarinTrust applicant clarified that their routine for ensuring MSC certification begins at the point of purchase: whenever capelin is contracted or bought, they first confirm that the product is MSC certified. Upon landing, they then verify whether the vessel is listed on the official MSC vessel list available on the MSC website. If the vessel does not appear on this list, they further check whether it is covered under the “ISF Icelandic Capelin” MSC certification. In addition to these internal checks, all landings in Thyborøn/TripleNine are also inspected by official controllers/surveyors, who verify the species and landings of all vessels, providing an extra layer of control and assurance.	Scope matches

Determination
The applicant is sourcing from MSC fisheries and the scope of the client's application with regard this scope/stock/vessel list and the MSC UoA matches. Accordingly, the stock is APPROVED in line with MarinTrust Standard.
Notes for On-site Auditor
<p>In the initial page of the MSC website for ISF Iceland Capelin fishery, there is a vessel list dated from 11th of July 2019. However, this list seems outdated as the following vessels were not identified on the ISF webpage: https://www.isf.is/isf-aethildarfyrirtaeligki.html nor on the register of vessels with valid licences for fishing within the Icelandic EEZ is available from the Fisheries Directorate</p> <p>in https://island.is/s/fiskistofa/skipaleit?pageName=ReportSection&slug=gagnasidur-fiskistofu&name=D%C3%B6gun+ehf this year: Dögun ehf 550284-0659, HB Grandi hf 541185-0389, Merlo Seafood ehf 430502-4840, Rammi hf 681271-1559, Stakkholt ehf 671217-0390, West Seafood ehf 560415-1250, Whitelink Seafood ehf 550414-1980. It is important that the CAB for this MSC fishery keeps this vessel list updated for enable the identification of the certified fish source. On 20th November 2025, the MarinTrust applicant said that Thyborøn (TripleNine) factory did not have any landings of capelin in either 2024 and/or 2025.</p>

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		Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>)	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</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		Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	Capelin in Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	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		The Iceland and Faroes waters, east Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO	Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	Scope matches

		Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast		
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		UoA 1: Pelagic trawl UoA 2: Purse Seine	Pelagic trawl	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		Vessels from Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf (ISF), which can be accessed on vessel list available in its website . Other eligible fishers, outside the client group, are 1) all Icelandic vessels that carry valid permits issued by the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries to target capelin in Icelandic waters, Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen area; 2) Faroese, Greenlandic and Norwegian vessels that are authorised to fish for capelin in Icelandic waters through bilateral agreements with Iceland, which can be accessed on the Directorate of Fisheries of Iceland (Fiskistofa) website .	The MarinTrust applicant clarified that their routine for ensuring MSC certification begins at the point of purchase: whenever capelin is contracted or bought, they first confirm that the product is MSC certified. Upon landing, they then verify whether the vessel is listed on the official MSC vessel list available on the MSC website. If the vessel does not appear on this list, they further check whether it is covered under the “ISF Icelandic Capelin” MSC certification. In addition to these internal checks, all landings in Thyborøn are also inspected by official controllers/surveyors, who verify the species and landings of all vessels, providing an extra layer of control and assurance.	Scope matches