



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

MSCV25

Herring (*Clupea harengus*)

in FAO 27, ICES 30, 31

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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 30, 31
	Stock:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subdivision 28.1 (Bothnia)
	Gear:	Trawling
MSC Certification Report Reference	FFA Finland Baltic herring & sprat	
Date	May 2024	
Report Code	MSCV25	
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome	
Company Name(s): Eesti Kalatootjate Keskühistu - Paldiski Fishmeal Plant	
Country: Estonia	
Email address:	Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details	
Name of Certification Body:	NSF / Global Trust Certification Ltd.
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres
Verification Period	May 2024 – May 2025

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and Area)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in the Gulf of Bothnia at the northern end of the Baltic Sea (ICES Sub Divisions 30 & 31).	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in FAO 27, ICES 30, 31	Scope matches
Stock	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in subdivisions 30 and 31 (Gulf of Bothnia)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in subdivisions 30 and 31	Scope matches
Vessel list	20 vessels are covered by MSC certificate. The list is provided in Table 3 below	MarinTrust client presented a vessel list with 8 vessels and all of them are covered by MSC certificate. The list is provided in Table 3 below	Scope matches
Determination			
<p>The MarinTrust 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 match. The MSC vessel list was updated 19th February 2024 and contains 30 vessels. The vessel list provided in 2024 by the MarinTrust applicant contains 8 vessels and all of them are covered by the MSC certificate for this fishery. Therefore, the stock is APPROVED in line with the MarinTrust Standard.</p>			
Notes for On-site Auditor			
<p>During the assessment process, there was concern over the scope of the vessel list provided by the client. There were vessels on the initial list that were not covered by the MSC certificate, and the assessor concluded that the fishery did not pass the MSCV process. The client provided a revised list of vessels which removed the vessels that were not covered by the MSC certificate, and thus the fishery has passed the MSCV process as noted in the box above.</p> <p>It is crucial that the on-site auditor verifies the sourcing of the product. Product being used under the MarinTrust Standard should not be sourced from the 8 vessels listed in Table 3 below. Please verify only the vessels listed below are providing product under this certificate.</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		Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</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		Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in subdivisions 30 and 31 (Gulf of Bothnia)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in subdivisions 30 and 31	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		Gulf of Bothnia at the northern end of the Baltic Sea (ICES Subdivisions 30 & 31)	FAO 27, ICES 30, 31 (Gulf of Riga)	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		Trawling and traps	Trawling	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		The vessel list provided by MSC is listed below. The highlighted vessels are the ones that coincide with the vessel list provided by MarinTrust applicant. Vessel Name Ext. Marking LAGUNA FIN-1122-T OLYMPOS FIN-175-T WESTFJORD FIN-118-V GOLDEN ROSE FIN-1139-T SANTOS FIN-1145-T SONNSKÄR FIN-13-V	The client provided a vessel list with 8 vessels: 1 LAGUNA FIN-1122-T 2 OLYMPOS FIN-175-T 5 SANTOS FIN-1145-T 7 SILVERFORS FIN-146-T 21 SHEMARA FIN-1115-U 22 ROXEN FIN-1111-U	Scope matches

	SILVERFORS FIN-146-T HANNE FIN-168-V SILLI FIN-146-O NEA FIN-1110-T RÖLLI FIN-17-O FALKEN FIN-1149-T OSMERUS FIN-31074-T ROCKALL FIN-1134-T WÄISKI II FIN-150-O SIPI FIN-197-T VESTURFARID FIN-163-V MARJO FIN-119-O DANÖ AAL-129 PIRKE FIN-1109-U SHEMARA FIN-1115-U ROXEN FIN-1111-U GLOMSKÄR FIN-1151-T SIGURBÄRA FIN-1142-T BALTIK FIN-187-O MENHADEN FIN-164-O KARI FIN-31693-T ANNELI FIN-31694-T LINDESNES FIN-1143-T CHRISTINA JARCHAU FIN-14-V	25 BALTIK FIN-187-O 26 MENHADEN FIN-164-O	
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