



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 2025	
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:		Global Certification Trust/NSF
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	
Verification Period	May 2025 – May 2026	

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	26 vessels are currently 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			
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 19 th February 2025 and contains 26 vessels. The vessel list provided in 2025 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.			
Notes for On-site Auditor			

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 Sub Divisions 30 & 31)	FAO 27, ICES 30, 31 (Gulf of Bothnia)	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																																																				
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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.																																																				
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