



MarinTrust Standard V3

MSC Verification Report

Norway

*Capelin (*Mallotus villosus*)*

FAO 27, ICES subarea 2a West of 5°W, 5, 14

MSCV29

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>)
	Geographical area:	The Iceland and Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast
	Stock:	Capelin in ICES subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, East Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)
	Gear:	Pelagic trawl / Purse-Seine
MSC Certification Report Reference		ISF Iceland capelin
Date		12 January 2026
Report Code		MSCV29
Assessor		Léa Lebechnech

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome		
Company Name(s): Prima Protein AS, Pelagia AS - Egersund Sildoljefabrikk, Lovund, Karmsund, Måløy Sildoljefabrikk, Triple Nine Vedde		
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Certification Body Details		
Name of Certification Body		NSF
Assessor	Léa Lebechnech	
Verification Period	01/2026 to 01/2027	

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and Area)	Capelin - The Iceland and Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>) - FAO 27	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 (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>) - FAO 27, ICES subarea 2a West of 5°W, 5, 14	Scope matches
Vessel list	ISF Iceland capelin - Vessel List	Same vessel list	Scope matches
Determination			
The applicants are sourcing from an MSC fishery and the scope of the clients's application with regard scope/stock/vessel list and the MSC UoA matches. The stock is APPROVED in line with the MarinTrust Standard.			
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

2. **TABLE 3.** definitions to complete Results section.
3. Reach a final approval recommendation. After completing Scope

4. **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 (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>) - FAO 27, ICES subarea 2a West of 5°W, 5, 14	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 Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast	FAO 27	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		Pelagic trawl / Purse Seine	Pelagic trawl / 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		Vessel list	Same vessel list as the link on the left	Scope matches