



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

MSCV30

Capelin (*Mallotus vilosus*), Subareas 5 & 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, East Greenland, Jan Mayen area)

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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	02 nd September 2025	
Report Code	MSCV30	
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome		
Company Name(s): Síldarvinnslan hf-Seyðisfjörður		
Country: Iceland		
Email address: sindri@svn.is		Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details		
Name of Certification Body:		NSF/Global Trust Certification Ltd
Assessor	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	
Verification Period	August 2025 – August 2026	

Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and 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.	Síldarvinnslan is a member of ISF, as confirmed in ISF aðildarfyrirtæki - ICELANDIC SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES website.	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			
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		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 Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast	Subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, east Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)	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		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		The parties (i.e. vessels, fleets and/or any other client group members, including named companies) that are currently eligible to access this fishery certificate are all current members of the Client Group (Iceland Sustainable Fisheries ehf.); an up-to-date list of current ISF members is available on the ISF webpage: https://www.isf.is/isf-aethildarfyrirtaeligki.html Eligible product may be supplied to Client Group members by all registered Icelandic vessels, as well as by Norwegian, Faroese and Greenlandic vessels with valid permits to operate within the Icelandic EEZ. A list of vessels with valid licences for fishing within the Icelandic EEZ is available from the Fisheries Directorate upon request (http://www.fiskistofa.is)	Síldarvinnslan is a member of ISF, as confirmed in ISF aðildarfyrirtæki - ICELANDIC SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES website.	Scope matches