



**Global Standard for  
Responsible Supply of  
Marine Ingredients  
Fishery MSC  
Verification Report.**

<b>Fishery for Verification</b>	Finland Baltic herring & sprat
<b>Species</b>	European sprat ( <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> )
<b>Area</b>	FAO 27 ICES in subdivisions 22-32 (Baltic Sea)
<b>Stock</b>	Sprat ( <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> ) in subdivisions 22-32 (Baltic Sea)
<b>Gear</b>	Pelagic trawl
<b>MSC certification report reference</b>	FFA Finland Baltic Herring & Sprat Fishery Public Certification Report June 2018. Certificate Code: F-ACO-0123
<b>Date</b>	15/10/2021
<b>Report code</b>	MSCV5
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<b>Application details and summary of the verification outcome</b>	
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<b>Name of Certification Body:</b>	Global Trust Certification
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<b>Period</b>	October 2021

## Table 1. Summary of results

Note: in the results section it should be noted whether the scope, etc. are equivalent or not between MSC report and applicant. If not equivalent, please provide a short summary as to why.

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
<b>1. Scope (Species and Area)</b>	Baltic Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> ) Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Baltic Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> ) Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	The scope of MSC report include the same stock and target species as the MT Verification tool requires, therefore the scopes are equivalent.
<b>2. Stock</b>	Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	The stocks are the same, therefore the stocks are equivalent.
<b>3. Vessel list</b>	Vessel list can be found in the link below: <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@assessments">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@assessments</a>	List provided in the T application form is the same as the one published on the MSC website	The pelagic trawl included in the MSC certificate are 29, all the vessel listed in the MT Verification Tool are included in the 29 MSC vessels, therefore, the vessel lists are equivalent.
<b>Determination</b>			
The three conditions above defined to be equivalent have been evaluated and compared and the assessor determines that the fisheries are equivalent and can be approved for the Marin trust MSC Verification Tool.			
<b>Notes for On-site Auditor</b>			

## 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 2. definitions to complete Results section.
2. Reach a final approval recommendation. After completing Scope table 2., the assessment team will be able to provide a final decision on approval. Results shown in Table 1.

Table 2. Scope definitions according to standard

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
<b>Target Species</b>	<i>The target species</i>	<i>The target species</i>	<i>Intended species which is sought after and the focus of fishing effort</i>	<b>Pass/ Fail</b>
<b>Results</b>	N/A	Baltic Herring (Clupea harengus) Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Baltic Herring (Clupea harengus) Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Baltic Herring (Clupea harengus) Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32). <b>Pass</b>

<b>Stock Definition</b>	<i>The target stock (s)</i>	<i>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).</i>	<i>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).</i>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
<b>Results</b>	NA	Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32).	Central Baltic (ICES Subdivisions 25, 26, 27, 28.2, 29, 32). <b>Pass</b>
<b>Geographic Area</b>	NA	<i>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.</i>	<i>Area of the sea designated by the FAO and ICES</i>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
<b>Results</b>		FAO 27 ATLANTIC, NORTHEAST. Subarea FAO 27.3 Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, and Baltic Sea	FAO 27 ATLANTIC, NORTHEAST. Subarea FAO 27.3 Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, and Baltic Sea	FAO 27 ATLANTIC, NORTHEAST. Subarea FAO 27.3 Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, and Baltic Sea <b>Equivalent</b>
<b>Harvest Method</b>	<i>The fishing method or gear</i>	<i>FAO defined gear terminology and/or legally defined/recognised in that jurisdiction used to describe fishing gears.</i>	<i>Fishing equipment as defined by the FAO or that designated by the legal authorities</i>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>

<b>Results</b>	The fishing method or gear	Pelagic Trawl	Pelagic Trawl	Pelagic Trawl. <b>Pass</b>
<b>Fleets, individual vessels</b>	<i>Practice (including vessels) pursuing that stock</i>	<i>Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate.</i>	<i>Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate, through the factory.</i>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
<b>Results</b>	Practice (including vessels) pursuing that stock	Vessel list can be found in the link below: <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@@assessments">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@@assessments</a>	List the vessels provided by the client comes from MSC certificate and they are the same vessels.	<b>Pass</b>