

FISHERY BY-PRODUCT REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



FISHERY By-Product:	Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)
LOCATION:	UK & Ireland-Ices Area IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2
DATE OF REPORT:	28/02/2014
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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Assessment Summary		
1. Scope of Assessment	Byproduct re-certification	
2. Fishery By-Product	Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	
3. Fishery By-Product Location	UK & Ireland-Ices Area IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2 (R6)	
4. Fishery Method	Longline, trawl.	
5. Outcome of Assessment	Approve byproduct	

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT

3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

There is a robust fishery management framework at the EU and UK & Ireland levels, however the extent to which these frameworks are applied specifically to ling is limited. Management is supported by species-specific data collection and stock assessment, but these are considered to have significant room for improvement. The assessment team recommends the approval of this byproduct material against the IFFO RS standard with a medium compliance rating.

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4. RATIONALE OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
A. THE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>The management of the fishery used to produce the By- Product must include a legal and administrative basis for the implementation of measures and controls to support the management of the fishery.</i>		
LOW	There is no satisfactory legal and management framework for fisheries in the region.	
MEDIUM	An administrative and legal framework that underpins management of fisheries in the region is established, but it is not directly applied to the byproduct stock under assessment.	
HIGH	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management for fisheries in the region is established and applied specifically to the byproduct stock under assessment.	
<p>Determination: <i>There are effective fishery management frameworks in place at the EU and national levels, however the extent to which these frameworks are applied specifically to the byproduct species under assessment is limited.</i></p> <p>Fishery management framework:</p> <p>The UK & Ireland are members of the European Union and therefore in Community waters implement the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). In force since 1983, the CFP aims to reconcile resource conservation with the preservation of income and jobs in coastal zones that offer few alternatives in terms of production or employment. It therefore covers not just resources but also markets and structures.</p> <p>The CFP has undergone a series of updates, including the most recent reform which was implemented from 1st January 2014. The principal aim of the new CFP is to achieve maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for all stocks by 2015 where possible, and at the latest by 2020. The 2014 reform also details the gradual roll-out of a landing obligation (prohibiting discards), starting in 2015 and eventually encompassing all commercial fisheries from 2019. Finally, the 2014 reform increases the role and importance of management at the regional level, and encourages more intensive stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>The primary authorities with responsibility for implementing the CFP are the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland, and the Marine Management Organisation (in cooperation with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) in the UK.</p> <p>Species-specific management:</p> <p>The stock unit relevant to this assessment is “Ling in Divisions IIIa and Iva, and in Subareas VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, and XIV (other areas)”. There are no specific management objectives for the stock, and the only significant directed fishery is conducted by Norwegian longline. The large majority of other landings are bycatch in other fisheries. TACs are set independently by the EU and Norway, and in 2012 these totalled 14,164t.</p>		M

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B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE

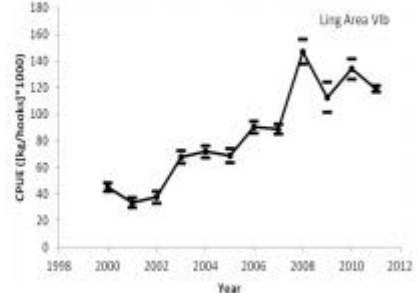
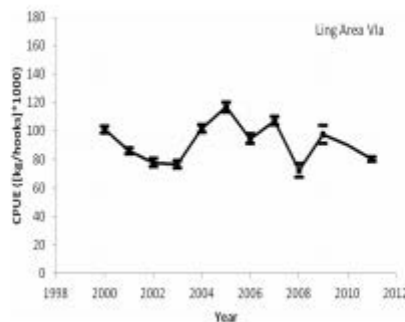
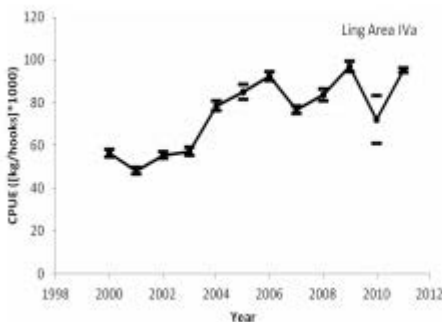
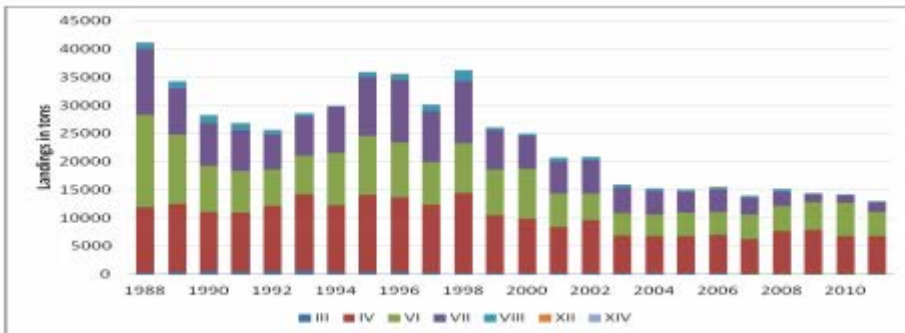
B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.

LOW	Research to support the management of regional fisheries does not exist.
MEDIUM	Research to support the management of regional fisheries exists; however research programmes are not specifically directed at the byproduct stock under assessment.
HIGH	Research specifically targeting the byproduct stock under assessment is carried out in support of sustainable fisheries management.

Determination: Research is carried out specifically to support the management of the species under assessment, but is generally not considered sufficient to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fishery with a high level of confidence.

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Ling in Divisions IIIa and Iva, and in Subareas VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, and XIV are subject to biennial assessment by ICES. The most recent assessment was conducted in 2012, and the 2013 advice was ‘no new advice’. The stock assessment is based on commercial and survey CPUEs; catches of ling in international surveys are low overall and the suitability of those surveys to monitor the species is considered limited. ICES also considers the stock to be data-deficient, and no reference points have been defined.



Ling in other areas. Top panel: Total landings. Bottom panels: Norwegian cpue [(kg/hook) × 1000] for ling separately for Divisions IVa, VIa, and VIb for the period 2000 through 2011 (preliminary estimates for 2011). From the ICES advice, June 2012.

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C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>C. The fish used to produce the fish By- Product is not considered to be critically at risk of over exploitation in accordance with the IUCN guidance.</i>		
LOW	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered by the IUCN.	
MEDIUM	The fish By- Product is from a species that is classified as vulnerable, but has a management regime in place that will control the level of fishing permitted. Alternatively if a species is listed as ‘not assessed’ or ‘data deficient’ by the IUCN and no additional information is available.	
HIGH	The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities. Alternatively if a species is listed as ‘not assessed’ or ‘data deficient’ by the IUCN but other sources of evidence (e.g. MSC certification) demonstrate that the species is not critically at risk.	
Determination: <i>Ling has not been assessed by the IUCN redlist and no additional information on vulnerability is available.</i> The IUCN has not assessed <i>Molva molva</i> . R8		M

5. REFERENCES

- R1 – About the Common Fisheries Policy: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/index_en.htm
- R2 – CFP – Managing fish stocks: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/index_en.htm
- R3 – CFP – Discarding and the Landing
Obligation: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/discards/index_en.htm
- R4 – Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Fisheries
Department: <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/fisheries/>
- R5 – Marine Management Organisation (About): <http://marinemanagement.org.uk/about/index.htm>
- R6 – ICES advice, Ling in Divisions IIIa and Iva, and in Subareas VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, and XIV (other areas), June 2012: <http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2012/2012/Ling%20in%20IIIa%20IVa%20VI%20VII%20VIII%20IX%20XII%20XIV.pdf>
- R7 – EU fishing quotas 2013: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/documentation/publications/poster_tac2013_en.pdf
- R8 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>