

FISHERY BY-PRODUCT REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



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FISHERY By-Product:	Pouting / Bib (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)
LOCATION:	Northeast Atlantic (France)
DATE OF REPORT:	December 2016
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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Deirdre Hoare		Surveillance
Assessment Summary		
1. Scope of Assessment	IFFO RS By-Product surveillance	
2. Fishery By-Product	Pouting / Bib (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)	
3. Fishery By-Product Location	Northeast Atlantic (France)	
4. Fishery Method	Bycatch in whitefish trawl fisheries	
5. Outcome of Assessment	Maintain approval	

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT
3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION
<p>As in the 2015 surveillance, there is a robust fishery management framework at the EU and France levels, but this is not applied specifically to pouting in the assessment area. Management is supported by generic fishery data collection and stock assessment, but there is no evidence of substantial species-specific research. The assessment team recommends the continued approval of this byproduct material against the IFFO RS standard.</p>

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	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is not established.	
MEDIUM	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is somehow established, but there is evidence of not being efficient to ensure the management of the stock.	
HIGH	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established and works efficiently.	
<p><i>Determination: There are effective fishery management frameworks in place at the EU and national levels, but these frameworks are not applied specifically to the byproduct species under assessment.</i></p> <p>Fishery management framework:</p> <p>France is a member of the European Union and therefore in Community waters implements 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), which began in selected fisheries in 2015 and will eventually encompass 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 authority with responsibility for implementing the CFP in France is the Directorate of Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture (<i>Direction des Pêches Maritimes et de l’Aquaculture</i>, DPMA), within the government Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (<i>Ministère de l’Écologie, du Développement Durable et de l’Énergie</i>).</p> <p>Species-specific management:</p> <p>Pouting is mostly taken as bycatch in mixed trawl fisheries and is considered an under-utilised species. As such there are currently few management measures for the species. Mesh size ranges, and required catch percentages applicable to the use of a single mesh size range applicable to pouting as a target species are 90% for 32-54mm, 70% for 55-59mm, 70% for 60 -69mm, none >70mm.</p> <p>R2 – R6</p>		M
B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.</i>		
LOW	Research to support the management of the stock does not exist	
MEDIUM	Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty.	
HIGH	Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.	

<p>Determination: Fisheries management in the EU is generally supported by stock assessment and data collection, but there is no evidence that any significant species-specific scientific activities are carried out.</p> <p>Fisheries management in EU waters is supported by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). ICES utilises the best available scientific information collected by 20 member countries and others, and develops advice for the majority of commercially fished stocks in European waters.</p> <p>As pouting is not commercially targeted, there is no stock assessment conducted and little information on the species in the Northeast Atlantic is available. Anecdotal evidence suggests this species is abundant throughout the north-east Atlantic and North Sea, and it is frequently discarded from other fisheries. Pouting is currently considered an under-utilised species.</p> <p>R5</p>		M
C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
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.		
LOW	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered.	
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. Or if a species is deemed to be endangered but the sub-group from where the fish By- Product is harvested is deemed scientifically to be at no risk of over exploitation.	
HIGH	The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities.	
<p>Determination: Pouting has not been categorised by the IUCN, but there evidence that it is an under-utilised species that is tolerant to overfishing.</p> <p>The IUCN has categorised <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> as a species of least concern, and it is not listed in the CITES appendices.</p> <p>R7, R8</p>		M

5. REFERENCES

- R1 – Image of *Trisopterus luscus* by Vasco M. P. Ferreira
<http://www.fishbase.us/photos/ThumbnailsSummary.php?Genus=Trisopterus&Species=luscus#>
- R2- About the Common Fisheries Policy: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/index_en.htm
- R3 – CFP – Managing fish stocks: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/index_en.htm
- R4 – CFP – Discarding and the Landing Obligation:
http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/discards/index_en.htm
- R5 – French Directorate of Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture: <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/-Les-peches-maritimes-et-l-.html>
- R6 – MCS FishOnline species page, pouting: <http://www.fishonline.org/fish/88/Pouting%20or%20Bib>

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R7 - COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 850/98 of 30 March 1998 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms:

<http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/eur18268.pdf>

R8 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

R9 – CITES appendices: <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>

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