



# MSC - FISHERY CERTIFICATE

Certificate No.: MSC-F-31402

Initial date: 24 October 2018

Validity dates: 15 March 2024 – 17 September 2024

This is to certify that the Fishery operations of

## FISF Faroe Islands demersal

Client: Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries

Address: Kósarbrúgvín 3, P.O. Box 56, FO-710, Klaksvík, Faroe Islands

has been found to comply with the requirements of

### MSC Fisheries Standard v2.01

The certified fishery has the right to claim the fishery is a “Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery”, in accordance with the **MSC Fisheries Standard**. Further claims made about the fishery shall be in accordance with rules established by MSCI.

This certificate is valid for the following scope:

**Target Stock:** Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*); Tusk (*Brosme brosme*); Ling (*Molva molva*) and Saithe (*Pollachius virens*)

**Geographical Area:**

**FAO area:** 27

**Common name of the body of water:** Faroese grounds

**Local fisheries management area:** Faroe Islands EEZ

**Stock region:** Haddock in ICES Division 5.b; Tusk in ICES Subareas 4 and 7-9, and in Divisions 3.a, 5.b, 6.a and 12.b; Ling in ICES Division 5.b. and Saithe in ICES Division 5.b.

**Gear/Vessel types:** Demersal trawl; longlines and jigs.

**Client group:** Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries. Client group members including vessels can be viewed at

[Participants - FISF](#)

**IPI species eligible for Chain of Custody:** NA

**Under Assessment product:** NA

**Certificate Sharing:** Authenticated certificate sharers can be viewed at [Participants - FISF](#)

Products originating from this fishery, including products processed at sea, from client group fishing vessels landed at the specified first points of landing in the PCR are eligible to enter MSC Chains of Custody.

MSC Chain of Custody certification will commence from the point of landing (Processing plant/factory or auction) and sale of certified products and eligible by-products as specified in the Public Certification Report. The auction house is included in the fishery certificate. All further activities from this point will be subject to Chain of Custody certification.

For further details refer to the Public Certification Report available for download at MSC website: <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified>.

Place and date:

Vimercate, 27 May 2024



For the issuing office:

DNV Business Assurance Italy S.r.l.

Sabrina Bianchini  
Management Representative



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FISF is authorized to provide fish and fish products that are eligible to carry the MSC Logo. Any changes in the product or process shall immediately be reported to DNV in order to verify whether this Certificate remains valid. Lack of fulfilment of conditions as set out in the Appendix may render this Certificate invalid.

Accredited by ASI for certification against voluntary sustainability standards – ASI-ACC-097.

ACCREDITED UNIT: DNV Business Assurance Italy S.r.l., Via Energy Park, 14, 20871 Vimercate (MB), Italy. Tel. 039.68 99 905.

Website: [www.dnv.com/assurance](http://www.dnv.com/assurance)

# MSC - Fishery Statement

Determination on whether fish and fish products from the certified UoC(s) can go onto be sold as certified.
It is determined that fish and fish products from the certified Units of Certification can go onto be sold as certified.
The point of change of ownership of product to any party not covered by the fishery certificate and detail of any trading between client group members prior to this
The point of change of ownership is at the point of landing. Fish could be landed at cold stores or processing factories and retain ownership by the vessel until its sold. Chain of Custody is required after the first point of change in ownership. Processing plants and trading agents buying fish from the vessels are not covered by the fisheries certificate and would require a separate MSC Chain of Custody certification. Cold stores do not take ownership of product and therefore are covered by Fisheries certificate and do not require a separate CoC certification.
The point from which subsequent Chain of Custody (CoC) is required
To be eligible to carry the MSC logo, all fish products must enter into separate MSC CoC certification commencing sale, which is point of change of ownership at landing sites.
The entities, or categories of entities, at the point of landing and/or sale required to have separate CoC including any auctions, selling agents, off-loaders or storage facilities and so not covered in the above tables 9 and 10.
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A list of entities, or categories of entities, eligible to access the certificate and sell product as certified including:
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 registered Faroese vessels that carry valid permits for fishing within the Faroese Exclusive Economic Zone issued by the Faroese Directorate of Fisheries, and that fish, supply and/or sell fish to members of Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries (FISF) and/or its authenticated certificate sharers.
Points of landing, auctions or other transfer which may be used for the sale of fish from the certified fishery into further chains of custody.
Haddock, tusk, ling and saithe landed directly to FISF certificate sharers landing facilities (approved by Vørn) are eligible to enter Chain of Custody and carry MSC logo if the fish is supplied and/or sold to members of FISF and/or its certificate sharers. MSC Chain of custody will commence from the point of landing and sale. All further activities from this point will be subject to Chain of Custody certification in accordance to the MSC Certification Requirement.
Any specific eligibility criteria for product to be sold as certified, or where to find this information where relevant, including:
Client fleet produce fresh and frozen products and by-products (bellyflaps, heads, tongues, cheeks, roe, liver and trimmings). Production of fish-oil and fishmeal require separate MSC CoC certification.
How fish or fish products can be identified or can be confirmed as certified at the point it enters certified CoC
The certified species are segregated from other species. Other species are also handled onboard, but there is no mix of species. Some catch is frozen at sea (longliners) – fish are headed, gutted, sorted, filleted frozen or whole frozen. Species are segregated, labelled and catches recorded and reported. Fresh catch is gutted and iced in bins, and labelled including colour-coding according to catch. Species are segregated, labelled and catches recorded and reported.
How IPI is identified to first buyers at the point it enters certified CoC where relevant
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