



Fishery name: ISF Iceland Capelin
Valid Certificate number: MSC-F-31299
Certification granted: 18/OCT/2022
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Certificate of Conformity

This is to certify that:

ISF Iceland Capelin

is a sustainable and well managed fishery which meets the requirements set out in the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The client for the fishery is:

Iceland Sustainable Fisheries ehf.
Grandagarði 16, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

The scope of this certification is applicable to:

Species:

Capelin (Mallotus villosus)

Gear type(s):

Pelagic Trawl and Purse Seine

Geographical Area:

The Iceland and Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO Fishing Area 27
Atlantic Northeast

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Units of Certification (UoC)

UoC 1

Species:	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>)
Geographical area:	The Iceland and Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast
Method of capture:	Pelagic Trawl
Stock:	Capelin in subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, East Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)
Client Group:	The client group is Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf (ISF) which consists of members or shareholders, including fisheries, primary processors, food producers and export companies.

UoC 2

Species:	Capelin (<i>Mallotus villosus</i>)
Geographical area:	The Iceland and Faroes waters, East Greenland and Jan Mayen areas, FAO Fishing Area 27 Atlantic Northeast
Method of capture:	Purse Seine
Stock:	Capelin in subareas 5 and 14 and Division 2.a west of 5°W (Iceland and Faroes grounds, East Greenland, Jan Mayen Area)
Client Group:	The client group is Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf (ISF) which consists of members or shareholders, including fisheries, primary processors, food producers and export companies.

Note that other eligible fishers may also be included in some Units of Assessment but not initially certified (until covered by a certificate sharing arrangement).

Other Eligible Fishers:	The Unit of Certification includes all eligible fishers. Other entities that may share the certificate as new client group members include other Icelandic companies in the fishing industry, including producers and sales organisations, that are not currently ISF members.
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There are no IPI stocks in this fishery.



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The point(s) at which fish and fish products may enter a chain of custody:

MSC Chain of Custody certification shall commence from the point of landing and sale. Landing sites are as specified in the Public Certification Report. All further activities from the point of first landing, including land-based processing plants as well as cold/freezer stores that perform anything more than movement of product, will be subject to a separate Chain of Custody certification. For more detailed information on the scope of this Certificate refer to Annex 1 below and to the Public Certification Report.

The parties, or categories of parties, that are entitled to use this certificate to enter fish from the certified fishery into certified chains of custody:

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: <http://www.icelandsustainable.is/isf-certificate-sharers.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>).

Points of landing or other transfer and other limits to product eligibility

In order for fish from the certified fishery to be sold into further chains of custody it must be sold through a member of the Client Group.

Fish from eligible fishing vessels, whole and/or semi-processed, landed at any officially approved landing site (harbour) and/or sold via (first sale) fish auction and/or kept in cold store facilities in Iceland or in a Third Country prior to first sale or post-landing processing, may therefore enter into further certified chain of custody and be eligible to carry the MSC eco-label, provided these are sold through a member of the client group, i.e. shareholder of the Iceland Sustainable Fisheries ehf. and/or its registered certificate sharing entities.

Operators who do not share the certificate but who take ownership of the fish after landing and before it is sold to the certificate sharer are required to hold MSC Chain of Custody certification. Sub-contractors, who do not take ownership of the catch but are involved in the handling of the fish after landing, are required to either be holders of the MSC Chain of Custody certification or to be listed as sub-contractors on the scope of another MSC Chain of Custody Certificate holder.