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ISF Icelandic Summer Spawning Herring Trawl and Seine
MSC-F-31464
11/NOV/2025
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Certificate of Conformity

This is to certify that:

ISF Icelandic Summer Spawning Herring Trawl and Seine

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:

Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries
Grandagarður 16,
101 Reykjavík,
Iceland

The scope of this certification is applicable to:

Species:

Atlantic Herring (*Clupea harengus*)

Gear type(s):

Mid- water Trawl and Purse Seine

Geographical Area:

FAO 27, ICES Subarea Va within Iceland EEZ

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Unit (s) of Certification (UoC)

UoC 1

Species:	Atlantic Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) (Icelandic: Sild)
Geographical area:	FAO 27, ICES Subarea Va within Iceland EEZ. Directed fishery to the West and Southwest of Iceland only
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s):	Mid-water trawl (excludes bycatches from other fisheries such as from the Norwegian Icelandic herring and mackerel fisheries that occur in summer and autumn)
Stock:	Herring in the Northeast Atlantic (Icelandic summer-spawning stock)
Client Group:	Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf. (ISF)

UoC 2

Species:	Atlantic Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) (Icelandic: Sild)
Geographical area:	FAO 27, ICES Subarea Va within Iceland EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s):	Purse Seine
Stock:	Herring in the Northeast Atlantic (Icelandic summer-spawning stock)
Client Group:	Icelandic Sustainable Fisheries ehf. (ISF)

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

Other Eligible Fishers:	Eligible product may be supplied to Client Group members by all registered Icelandic vessels with valid permits to operate within the Icelandic EEZ.
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Icelandic Spring-Spawning Herring (ISPH) is included as an IPI species in this fishery, and is eligible to enter further chains of custody. Full details can be seen in Section 12.2.3 in the PCR.



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

The point of intended change of ownership refers to change in legal ownership of the fish and may occur at the point of landing or further up the chain of custody in the case of vertically integrated companies (for example, those which have vessels, storage/or and processing capability within a single entity).

Chain of custody will commence as of the first point of sale, change of ownership and/or processing after landing. Auctions that do not take ownership of the fish and merely serve as facilitators of trade do not need chain of custody certification. Auctions that are not members of the client group and that either take ownership of the fish and/or engage in processing the fish after landing, e.g. by gutting or otherwise, must have chain of custody certification. Cooler/freezer storages, be they operated or sub-contracted by fishing companies, do not require Chain of Custody, unless they engage in re-labelling of primary units stored and/or re-packing of the actual product.

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 certificate for the fishery covers fish caught by all registered Icelandic vessels with valid permits to fish for Icelandic summer spawning herring within the Icelandic EEZ. It also includes fish handled by all officially licenced fish auctions, provided these auctions do not take ownership of the catch and/or are not involved in the processing of the catch either as owners of the fish or sub-contractors.

A 'live' up-to-date list of these vessels is publicly available on the Directorate of Fisheries website at: <http://www.fiskistofa.is/veidar/aflaheimildir/aflahlutdeildalisti/> (Select Icelandic summer spawning herring '30. Síld' and current fishing year to see list of vessels with quota).