

## Ireland Bottom Grown Mussel – Scope Extension

## **Release of Public Certification Report**

Following the designated 15 UK working day 'objections' period, no notices of objection to the certification of the above fishery have been received and/or accepted by an MSC independent adjudicator.

Global Trust Certification would like to announce that, following the completion of this assessment process, the Public Certification Report for the MSC assessment of the above fishery is now available on the MSC webpage for the fishery: <u>https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/ireland-bottom-grown-mussel/@@assessments</u>

The outcome of this assessment is that:

## – The fishery is certified.

Subject to the results of on-going surveillance audits, the scope-extended fishery will be certified for the remainder of the 5 year certification period (plus 6 months due to the <u>MSC Covid-19 pandemic derogation, 27</u> <u>March 2020</u>) that began on 27 July 2018.

A Fishery Certificate Statement for this fishery has been appended to the certificate for this fishery which is available on the above MSC webpage; the Statement defines the following

- The entities currently eligible to access the certificate.
- The other eligible fishers or other entities that may be able to access the certificate via a certificate sharing agreement.
- The points of landing, auctions or other transfer that may be used for the sale of fish from the certified fishery into further chains of custody.
- Any other limits to product eligibility, such as specific terms of the certificate sharing agreement.

The client has detailed the policies, practices and measures in place to ensure the absence of forced and child labour in a 'Certificate Holder Forced and Child Labour Policies, Practices and Measures Template' which has also been uploaded to the MSC webpage for this fishery alongside the Public Certification Report.

Finally, Global Trust Certification would like to thank all those who participated in this assessment.