



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

Northern Ireland Bottom Dredge Mussel (*Mytilus Edulis*) Seed Collection and Cultivation Fishery & Ireland Bottom Dredge Mussel (*Mytilus Edulis*) Seed Collection and Cultivation Fishery

Announcement of Main Assessment

Global Trust Certification Ltd is pleased to announce the MSC Fishery Certification Assessment for the Northern Ireland Bottom Dredge Mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) Seed Collection and Cultivation Fishery & Ireland Bottom Dredge Mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) Seed Collection and Cultivation Fishery. This assessment will evaluate this fishery for compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The fishery under assessment is defined as the Northern Ireland and Ireland Dredge Mussel Fishery involved in the seed collection and cultivation of Irish Sea Bottom grown blue mussel. The gear used is the modified Dutch bottom dredge. Initially, Global Trust wishes to invite all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery to make written comment, provide information or nominate other organisations that should be contacted with respect to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices). The target eligibility date for this fishery is February 2012.

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