



CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

This is to certify that:
Ireland Bottom Grown mussel

Has been evaluated by SAI Global, ASI Accreditation Code ASI-ACC-035, and has been found to comply with the requirements of the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification Requirements (CR) Version 1.3

The client can therefore claim the fishery to be a “Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery”, in accordance with MSC’s Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The client for the fishery is the:
Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) and the Aquaculture Initiative EEIG

Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), P.O Box 12, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

	SCOPE:
Species:	<i>Mytilus edulis</i>
Common Name:	Blue mussel
Geographical Range of Fishing Operation:	All fishing activity takes place within FAO Major Fishing Area 27 Northeast Atlantic (ICES Areas VIa, VIIa, VIIg, VIIj and VIIb) and is split between seed and harvest locations.
	Seed locations: Coastal waters of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland within their respective 12 nautical mile Territorial Seas.
	Harvest locations: Permitted harvest areas in identified bays of the Republic of Ireland – Lough Swilly, Castlemaine, Wexford harbour, Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough.
Stock:	Blue mussels around the island of Ireland.
Method(s) of Capture:	Modified Dutch Bottom Dredge
Management System:	<u>Republic of Ireland</u> Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM) and the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA)
	<u>Northern Ireland</u> Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
Client Group:	Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) and the Aquaculture Initiative representing all members of the bottom mussel industry on the island of Ireland. All members of the Bottom Grown Mussel Industry, eligible to fish in the relevant jurisdiction, are eligible to access this Certificate; however, only those entities that have contributed financially to the MSC process are considered part of the client group.
Group Members:	The most up to date client group is available on the MSC website as an Annex to this Certificate. Note: other eligible fishers have been identified within the Unit of Assessment; these are not initially certified but may access the Certificate at a later date through a certificate sharing arrangement.
Entry Point of Chain of Custody:	This Certificate extends to the first point of landing and sale. For more detailed information on the scope of this Certificate refer to the Public Certification Report.
Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable Catches:	None
Registration No:	F-SAI-007
Certification Date:	30 th July 2013
Certificate Issue Date:	27 th July 2018
Re-Assessment Due Date:	27 th July 2022
Certificate Expiry Date:	26 th July 2023



Signed on behalf of SAI GLOBAL:

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