

# Global Trust Certification

## ISF Iceland greater silver smelt

### MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a Fishery Assessment

#### 1 Introduction

This form details the information Global Trust is required to provide for publication on the MSC website when proposing to use the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a fishery assessment or reassessment. The criteria by which a component may be identified as data-deficient and thereby eligible for the RBF are given in MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.2 §7.7.3 and its associated Table 3.

This form also serves to inform stakeholders of the proposal to use the RBF and defines a set period of at least 30 days in which stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the proposal to use the RBF. Following that period, the assessment team will review all stakeholder input, recording why each comment has been accepted or rejected and review the proposal to use the RBF considering those comments.

#### 1.1 Mechanism for stakeholders to comment on the proposed use of the RBF

Prior to participating, stakeholders should familiarise themselves with the MSC process using the resources provided on the MSC's website: <https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment>.

Global Trust encourages stakeholders not to withhold information, including their concerns and knowledge about the fishery in question; however, information that cannot be shared with all stakeholders cannot be referenced in an assessment or used in determining assessment outcomes unless it relates to; a) financial transactions about certification, b) the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being made public, or c) information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the client's country.

When submitting information, stakeholders must provide objective evidence and references in support of any claims or any claimed errors of fact.

Comments on the proposed use of the RBF should be:

1. Sent to Global Trust Client Services: [ClientServicesie@nsf.org](mailto:ClientServicesie@nsf.org).
2. Submitted by **17:00 UTC on Monday 4 April 2022**.

## 2 Marine Stewardship Council use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF)

**Table 1.** Fishery information.

1	Fishery name	ISF Iceland greater silver smelt																
2	CAB	Global Trust Certification Ltd. (hereafter Global Trust)																
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	Friday 4 March 2022																
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	17:00 UTC on Monday 4 April 2022.																
5	PI that the RBF is to be applied for	PI 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome (UoA 1 bottom trawl)																
6	Justification for use	<p>As per MSC FCP v2.2, 7.7.3: The CAB shall use the criteria in Table 3 (see below) to decide whether a fishery may or may not be data-deficient with respect to 1 or more scoring element(s) within a PI.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 §Table 3: Criteria for triggering the use of the RBF.</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Performance Indicator</th> <th>Criteria</th> <th>Consideration</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">2.2.1 Secondary species outcome</td> <td rowspan="2">Biologically based limits are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches.</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Use default Performance Indicator Scoring Guideposts within default assessment tree for this PI.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td><b>Use Annex PF (RBF) for this PI.</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Demersal beaked redfish (<i>Sebastes mentella</i>, ISL: Djúpkarfi), has been categorised as a main secondary species in UoA 1 (bottom trawl) of the ISF Iceland greater silver smelt ACDR. Since the species has no biologically based limits available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches, the use of the RBF is triggered for this species. A Productivity Susceptibility Analysis is to be used for its assessment.</p> <p>In accordance with §7.7.3.6 of the FCP, we note that the PI contains both data-deficient (demersal beaked redfish) and non-data-deficient (harbour seal and grey seal) scoring elements, so the CAB shall use Annex PF to assess data-deficient scoring elements and score non-data-deficient scoring elements using the tree announced in the assessment.</p> <p>We also note that any stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF will be considered (FCP v2.2, Annex PF2.1.1.e). In this respect, any such stakeholder comment and CAB response will be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCP v2.2, 7.20.5).</p>			MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 §Table 3: Criteria for triggering the use of the RBF.				Performance Indicator	Criteria	Consideration	Notes	2.2.1 Secondary species outcome	Biologically based limits are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches.	Yes	Use default Performance Indicator Scoring Guideposts within default assessment tree for this PI.	No	<b>Use Annex PF (RBF) for this PI.</b>
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### 3 Template information and copyright

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**Table 2.** Template version control.

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1.0	15 August 2011 15 November 2011	Date of first release. Date of application.  Created as one of the Normative Documents to accompany release of MSC Certification Requirements v1.0
2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1
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