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Stakeholder notification:

Clarification of units of assessment and scope of certificate sharing

ISF Iceland saithe and ling fishery – Extension of Scope

Vottunarstofan Tún is currently conducting expedited assessment as a means of extending the scope of the ISF Iceland saithe & ling fishery certificate to the anglerfish, Atlantic wolffish and plaice fisheries within the Icelandic EEZ.

The notification report correctly defines the units of assessment as including all registered Icelandic vessels, while foreign vessels were incorrectly included in Client's statement on certificate sharing arrangements for this extension.

An updated statement of the Client's policy on certificate sharing arrangements (see below) confirms the correct definition of eligible fishers and underlines that eligibility of certificate sharing only applies to registered Icelandic vessels.

An amendment to the original announcement containing the results of the gap analysis has been issued in conformity with the above.

Information about the ISF Iceland saithe and ling fishery are available for review on MSC's website:
<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/isf-iceland-saithe-and-ling/@assessments>.

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**Appendix to stakeholder notification:
Client's Updated Statement of Certificate Sharing Arrangements**



Reykjavík,

**Regarding: Updated Statement of ISF's Policy on Certificate Sharing Arrangements
for the ISF saithe & ling and ISF golden redfish**

Iceland Sustainable Fisheries (ISF) ehf. confirms its willingness to share certificates for the MSC certification of the ISF Iceland saithe and ling and ISF Iceland golden redfish fisheries, including any further potential extension of the scope of those certificates (such as anglerfish, Atlantic wolffish, plaice, blue ling and tusk).

Saithe, ling and golden redfish, as well as anglerfish, Atlantic wolffish, blue ling and tusk from the expected added certified units of certification, will be eligible for marketing with reference to the certificates, provided the fish is caught, supplied and/or sold to Iceland Sustainable Fisheries ehf, and/or its authenticated certificate sharers.


Any Icelandic holders of permits, issued by the Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries, for the fishing of saithe, ling and golden redfish, as well as for the fishing of anglerfish, Atlantic wolffish, plaice, blue ling and tusk within the scope of potential certificates, and/or processors and/or traders of those species of fish derived from the above fisheries, are invited to apply to ISF ehf. for the sharing of the certificates and their potential scope extensions.

Applicants will be eligible to enter into certificate sharing agreement with the ISF ehf. on the basis of:

- a) Equitable sharing of internal and external costs incurred due to the assessment processes and
- b) Full compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standards and Certification Requirements, including any conditions and recommendations set for the certification and subsequent programs of corrective action to address such conditions and recommendations.

On behalf of Iceland Sustainable Fisheries ehf,


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Date