

MSC Surveillance Announcement

FISF FAROE ISLANDS NEA COD, HADDOCK AND SAITHE

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

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1 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name	
	FISF Faroe Islands and Iceland NEA cod, haddock and saithe	
2	Unit(s) of Assessment (UoA)	
	UoA 1	Description
	Species	Cod
	Stock	Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Demersal rock-hopper trawl
	Client group	Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries https://www.fisf.fo/en/
	Other eligible fishers	Other Faroese or Icelandic vessels which are at present not members of FISF but which may become FISF members in the future.
	Geographical area	FAO area: 27 Common name of the body of water: Barents Sea Local fisheries management area: JRNFC, Russian EEZ, Norwegian (and Svalbard) EEZ and NEAFC International waters. Stock region: ICES I and II
	UoA 2	Description
	Species	haddock
	Stock	haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Demersal rock-hopper trawl
	Client group	Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries https://www.fisf.fo/en/
	Other eligible fishers	Other Faroese or Icelandic vessels which are at present not members of FISF but which may become FISF members in the future.
	Geographical area	FAO area: 27 Common name of the body of water: Barents Sea Local fisheries management area: JRNFC, Russian EEZ, Norwegian (and Svalbard) EEZ and NEAFC International waters. Stock region: ICES I and II
	UoA 3	Description

	Species	saithe
	Stock	Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Demersal rock-hopper trawl
	Client group	Faroe Islands Sustainable Fisheries https://www.fisf.fo/en/
	Other eligible fishers	Other Faroese or Icelandic vessels which are at present not members of FISF but which may become FISF members in the future.
	Geographical area	FAO area: 27 Common name of the body of water: Barents Sea Local fisheries management area: JRNFC, Russian EEZ, Norwegian (and Svalbard) EEZ and NEAFC International waters. Stock region: ICES I and II
3	Date certified	Date of expiry
	17.08.2012	17.02.2023
4	Surveillance level and type	
	Surveillance level 1, originally scheduled as on-site however covid restrictions and MSC Derogation 3 allow for a remote audit.	
5	Surveillance number	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	X
	Other (Expedited, etc.)	
6	Proposed team leader	
	<p>Lucia Revenga is a marine scientist, specialized in Fisheries Biology who holds degrees in Marine Sciences and in Environmental Sciences from Cadiz University (Spain). For 5 years she worked with TRAGSA for the Spanish General Marine Secretariat, conducting researches on the biology and stock status of different species, such as bluefin tunas, skipjack tunas, albacores, mackerels, sardines, eels, prawns, Norway lobsters, halibuts. She has also taken part in oceanographic surveys focused in the search of vulnerable marine ecosystems. From 2011 to 2015 she worked for IFAPA (Institute for Research and Training in Fisheries) as a Fisheries biology teacher for fishermen. She also conducted research in fishery local activities with the aim of increasing community awareness of the conservation of coastal ecosystems and encouraging sustainable fishing practices. From 2015 to 2020 she worked full time as an independent consultant, covering the roles of P2 assessor and team leader for different CABs and assessments. In 2020 she joined DNV as part of DNV MSC Fishery Global Unit.</p>	

	<p>Lucia's qualifications also meet the competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the Team-Leader and Chain of custody responsible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree • She has passed the MSC team leader training • She has passed the MSC Traceability training module • She meets ISO 19011 training requirements • She has undertaken two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and various stakeholder groups. • She has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. <p>Full CV is available upon request.</p>
7	Proposed team members
	<p>Principle 1,2,3 expert: Lisa Borges</p> <p>Lisa Borges earned her PhD in Zoology from the National University of Ireland – University College Cork. She is currently a consultant for FishFix (Portugal) where she focuses on the biological and ecological sustainability of fisheries by providing expertise in the areas of bycatch and discards. She has experience in auditing fisheries for sustainability, coordinating the involvement of various stakeholders, providing technical advice on data collection, drafting and generating policy, and contract development in fisheries management. Other titles include Fisheries Scientist for Wageningen IMARES and Policy Officer for the European Commission DG MARE. In addition, Lisa has a multitude of publications on discard policy and procedures and has been the Chair/Co-Chair in several international conferences, workshops and working groups. Lisa has extensive experience conducting MSC pre-assessments and assessments in all three Principles, although is specialized in Principle 1. Lisa is also a member of the MSC Peer Review College.</p> <p>Her qualifications meet the competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the Team-member with expertise in Fish stock assessment and biology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree • She has passed the MSC team member training • She has passed the RBF training module • She has over 3 years' experience in stock assessment techniques comparable with techniques used by the fishery under assessment • She has over 3 years' experience in the biology and population dynamics of the species with similar biology. <p>She has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Full CV is available upon request.</p>
8	Audit/review time and location
	Off-site remote interviews by the assessment team are scheduled for week commencing 14 th March 2022 using Microsoft Teams.
9	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The key purpose of the surveillance audit is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review any potential or actual changes in the management systems • review changes or additions / deletions to regulations • review any personnel changes in scientific staff, key management or industry to evaluate impact on the management of the fishery • review any potential changes to the scientific basis of information, including stock assessments. • Review any changes affecting traceability
10	Stakeholder opportunities
	<p>Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input to the annual surveillance process, please contact DNV by 5 PM UTC on 13th March 2022 and provide:</p> <p>a) Your name and contact details</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) Your association with the fisheryc) The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)d) When you would like to meet |
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Please use the “MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits v1.0” for submission of any comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: <https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input>

Remote meetings can be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions can be made to the email address below.

Information on this fishery can be found at: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/fisf-faroe-islands-and-iceland-north-east-arctic-cod-haddock-and-saithe/@@view>

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Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency

Table 2 – Surveillance level justification

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4SA	Offsite audit	2 auditors participating remotely	<p>The surveillance level (level 1) remains the same. The fishery attained a score of 80 or more against each of the MSC Principles and did not score less than 80 against any MSC Criteria. The certification of this fishery therefore is not dependant on any conditions or recommendations.</p> <p>Audit was changed from onsite to offsite based on Covid Derogation 3.</p>

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
4	17 August 2017	March 2022	<p>MSC Covid derogation of 27th March 2020 extended certificates by 6 months and new certificate validity is up to 17th February 2023.</p>

Table 4 – Fishery surveillance program

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Off-site surveillance audit	Off-site surveillance audit	Off-site surveillance audit	Off-site surveillance audit	Off-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit

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