

MSC Notice of Suspension

FISF FAROE ISLANDS COD, HADDOCK, TUSK AND LING (COD COMPONENT).

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

16.08.2022

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Table 1 – Notice of suspension

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| 1 | Fishery name |
| | FISF Faroe Islands cod, haddock, tusk and ling. Suspension only applies to the Faroe Plateau cod stock. |
| 2 | CAB |
| | DNV Business Assurance |
| 3 | Date of the Notice of Suspension |
| | 16.08.2022 |
| 4 | Effective date of the fishery suspension |
| | 14.09.2022 |
| 5 | The reason for the fishery suspension |
| | Following the revision of the stock status, and as shown in ICES 2021 advice for the Faroe Plateau cod, the biomass of the Faroe Plateau cod has declined, and the requirements at PI 1.1.1.a are no longer met. Further information can be found at the 3 rd annual surveillance report for the fishery published on the 15.08.2022. As per GCR v2.4.1 Section 7.4.2, a CAB shall suspend a fishery certificate if a client no longer conforms to the MSC Fisheries Standard. |
| 6 | If the fishery is suspended for no longer conforming to the MSC Fisheries Standard (GCR Section 7.4), which Performance Indicators are affected (please include summary explanation)? |
| | PI 1.1.1.a does not longer meet the SG60 requirements. The rescoring of the PI can be found on the 3 rd annual surveillance report for the fishery. Specifically: PI 1.1.1.a The stock is at a level which maintains high productivity and has low probability of recruitment overfishing. SG60: It is likely that the stock is above the point where recruitment would be impaired (PRI) Rationale: The stock status is based on an analytical age-based assessment (SAM). ICES (2021a) assesses that fishing pressure on the stock is above FMSY and between Fpa, and Flim, while spawning stock size is below MSY Btrigger, Bpa, and Blim. Blim is used as the PRI reference point relevant for this stock. The estimates are SSB(2022)= 17,289 tonnes and F(2021) = 0.43; to be compared to Blim = 21,000 tonnes and FMSY = 0.23. Discarding is considered negligible. SG60, SG80 and SG100 are not met. |
| 7 | If the fishery is suspended for not making adequate progress towards addressing conditions (GCR Section 7.4), which condition(s) and Performance Indicators are affected? |
| | N/A |
| 8 | Statement on implications for selling fish caught as MSC certified/making claims after suspension date |

The certificate holder cannot sell any Faroe Plateau cod caught by trawlers, longlines or jigging vessels in Faroe Islands EEZ as MSC-certified on or after the effective date of suspension until such time that the suspension is lifted.

The certificate holder fishery is not eligible to use the MSC ecolabel (GCR v 2.4.1 § 7.4.3) for Faroe Plateau cod caught by trawlers, longlines or jiggers in Faroe Islands EEZ.

Fish caught prior to the date of suspension may continue to be sold after the date of suspension as MSC certified if the date of capture can be confirmed.

The CAB hereby instructs the client:

- i) Not to sell any fish caught on or after the date of suspension as MSC certified.
- ii) Fish caught prior to the date of suspension may continue to be sold after the date of suspension as MSC certified if the CAB is able to confirm the client's ability to segregate fish based on date of capture in conformance with GCR 2.4.1 - 7.4.3.c.

- To advise client group members of the suspension.
- **To advise existing customers in writing of the suspension within 4 days of this Notice of Suspension.**
- To keep records of advice to customers.
- Not to make any claims of MSC certification on or after the date of suspension.

This notice hereby instructs the client to provide a documented corrective action plan for addressing the cause of suspension, which is acceptable to the CAB as being able to address the cause(s) for suspension, within 90 days from the date this Notice of Suspension.

- The corrective action plan shall include a binding timeframe.
- If the client submits an acceptable corrective action plan within 90 days:
 - The CAB will instruct the client to implement the corrective action plan.
 - The CAB will upload to the scheme database to be published on the MSC website:
 - The CAB will release a statement confirming their acceptance of the corrective action plan and publish the client's corrective action plan.
 - If the client does not submit an acceptable corrective action plan within 90 days, the CAB shall withdraw the certificate.

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