

FISHERY BY-PRODUCT REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



FISHERY By-Product:	Coley / Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)
LOCATION:	UK & Ireland-Ices Areas IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2
DATE OF REPORT:	February 2016
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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1. Scope of Assessment		
IFFO RS By-Product surveillance year 2015		
2. Fishery By-Product		
Coley / Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)		
3. Fishery By-Product Location		
UK & Ireland-Ices Areas IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2		
4. Fishery Method		
Bottom trawls		
5. Outcome of Assessment		
Maintain byproduct approval		

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT

3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

As at the time of the 2014 re-assessment, there is a robust fishery management framework at the EU and UK & Ireland levels, which is applied specifically to the coley stock in the assessment area. Management is supported by species-specific data collection and stock assessment. The assessment team recommends maintaining the approval of this byproduct material against the IFFO RS standard.

4. RATIONALE OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME

A. THE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE	
<i>The management of the fishery used to produce the By- Product must include a legal and administrative basis for the implementation of measures and controls to support the management of the fishery.</i>	
LOW	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is not established.
MEDIUM	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is somehow established, but there is evidence of not being efficient to ensure the management of the stock.
HIGH	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established and works efficiently.

Determination: There are effective fishery management frameworks in place at the EU and national levels, and these frameworks are applied specifically to the byproduct stock under assessment.

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Fishery management framework:

The UK & Ireland are members of the European Union and therefore in Community waters implement the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). In force since 1983, the CFP aims to reconcile resource conservation with the preservation of income and jobs in coastal zones that offer few alternatives in terms of production or employment. It therefore covers not just resources but also markets and structures.

The CFP has undergone a series of updates, including the most recent reform which was implemented from 1st January 2014. The principal aim of the new CFP is to achieve maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for all stocks by 2015 where possible, and at the latest by 2020. The 2014 reform also details the gradual roll-out of a landing obligation (prohibiting discards), which began in selected fisheries in 2015 and will eventually encompass all commercial fisheries from 2019. In 2016, coley became one of the demersal quota species operating within the new regulation, which requires all catches of this species to be accounted for, retained and landed. Finally, the 2014 reform increased the role and importance of management at the regional level, and encourages more intensive stakeholder engagement.

The primary authorities with responsibility for implementing the CFP are the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland; the Marine Management Organisation (in cooperation with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) in England and Wales; and Marine Scotland, a Directorate of the Scottish Government, in Scotland.

Species-specific management:

Coley in the area under assessment is defined by ICES as “Saithe in Subarea IV (North Sea), Division IIIa (Skagerrak), and Subarea VI (West of Scotland and Rockall)”. It is managed according to a joint EU-Norway management plan, which has been evaluated by ICES as consistent with the precautionary approach in the short term. It was also reconsidered in 2013 but no modifications were found necessary. A TAC is set for the area “IIIa and IV; Union waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIC and Subdivisions 22-32”, which for 2016 was set at 65,696.

R1 – R9

B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE	
<i>B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.</i>	
LOW	Research to support the management of the stock does not exist
MEDIUM	Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty.

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HIGH	Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.	H
<p>Determination: Management of saithe in the assessment area is supported by fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data collection, and by annual ICES stock assessment and advice provision.</p> <p>Fisheries management in EU waters is supported by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). ICES utilises the best available scientific information collected by 20 member countries and others, and develops advice for the majority of commercially fished stocks in European waters.</p> <p>Coley in the byproduct area is assessed annually by ICES using commercial catches, two survey indices and three commercial indices. A range of reference points have been defined, including ones based on the MSY approach, the precautionary approach, and the international management plan. ICES notes that the surveys do not cover the areas inhabited by the recruits and the older fish, and that the commercial CPUE used for tuning may not fully reflect changes in stock size for a schooling species like saithe.</p> <p>R9, R10</p>		
C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
C. The fish used to produce the fish By- Product is not considered to be critically at risk of over exploitation in accordance with the IUCN guidance.		
LOW	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered.	H
MEDIUM	The fish By- Product is from a species that is classified as vulnerable, but has a management regime in place that will control the level of fishing permitted. Or if a species is deemed to be endangered but the sub-group from where the fish By- Product is harvested is deemed scientifically to be at no risk of over exploitation.	
HIGH	The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities.	
<p>Determination: Saithe has not been categorised by the IUCN; however the additional evidence described below leads the assessment team to believe the species is not at serious risk and so a high compliance rating is appropriate.</p> <p>The IUCN has not categorised <i>Pollachius virens</i>, and it does not appear in the CITES appendices. There are around 12 saithe fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic which have been certified against the MSC standard.</p> <p>R11, R12</p>		

5. REFERENCES

R1 – About the Common Fisheries Policy: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/index_en.htm

R2 – CFP – Managing fish stocks: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/index_en.htm

R3 – CFP – Discarding and the Landing Obligation:
http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/discards/index_en.htm

R4 – UK landing obligation guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/demersal-landing-obligation-guidance/demersal-landing-obligation-guidance>

R5 – UK North sea landing obligation guidance

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-sea-landing-obligation-guidance/north-sea-landing-obligation-guidance>

R6 – Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Fisheries Department:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/fisheries/>

R7 – Marine Management Organisation (About): <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/marine-management-organisation>

R8 - Marine Scotland (About): <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/About>

R9 – ICES advice, Mixed Species (inc. Saithe) in Subarea IV (North Sea), Division IIIa (Skagerrak), and Subarea VI (West of Scotland and Rockall): [http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication Reports/Advice/2015/2015/mix-nsea.pdf](http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2015/2015/mix-nsea.pdf)

R10 – EU fishing quotas 2016: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1457430103171&uri=CELEX:32016R0072>

11 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

R12 – CITES appendices: <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>

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