

FISHERY By-Product SURVEILLANCE REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



FISHERY By-Product:	Horse Mackerel (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)
LOCATION:	EU waters
DATE OF REPORT:	30/11/11
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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Name of Certification Body:	Global Trust Certification Ltd.	
Assessor Name	Peer Reviewer	Initial/Surveillance/ Re-certification
Sam Peacock	Mike Platt	Initial
1. Scope of Assessment		
		By-Product surveillance
2. Fishery By-Product		
		Horse Mackerel (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)
3. Fishery By-Product Location		
		European waters
4. Fishery Method		
		Mainly pelagic trawl
5. Outcome of Assessment		
		Approve (medium compliance)

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT
Determine the original source of byproduct material (i.e. southern, western or North Sea stocks).
3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION
There is a robust fishery management framework in place, but there is evidence that it is not sufficient to effectively manage the horse mackerel fishery. Quotas are often not set in accordance with ICES advice, and no stock has a fully agreed management plan. Research programmes could be improved significantly. For these reasons the assessment team recommends approving this stock with a medium level of compliance.

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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.	
<p><i>Determination: The EU Common Fisheries Policy provides a solid base for fishery management, but there is evidence that in the case of these fisheries, in particular the North Sea stock, management could be improved.</i></p> <p>Fishery management framework (Europe):</p> <p>France is a member of the European Union and therefore in Community waters implements 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.</p> <p>With regard to resource management, the CFP regulations comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A traditional management tool based on TACs and quotas; • Technical measures relating to gear or catch; • Effort-related management, based on vessel engine power and the number of days at sea. <p>The CFP also provides for the introduction of measures to rebuild, over a period of several years, stocks that are threatened in terms of sustainable harvesting, and for recourse to effort-related management rules to supplement TACs and quotas.</p> <p>Fishery management framework (France):</p> <p>The French Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation, de la Pêche, de la Ruralité et de l'Aménagement du territoire) is responsible for marine fisheries and aquaculture throughout the country. This ranges from quota negotiations to enforcement, which is carried out by the French navy, maritime affairs, customs, and other French government agencies.</p> <p>Management of horse mackerel:</p> <p>Annual TACs are set for European horse mackerel fisheries. In the southern stock TAC has been set at approximately double the ICES recommendation since 2005, although actual landings were roughly in line with ICES advice. Western stock TACs are generally set in accordance with ICES advice, and actual landings are mainly within TAC limits. North Sea TACs and landings have been higher than ICES advice since 2002 (although the lack of data for the North Sea stock means ICES advice is precautionary in this area). There is no management plan for the Southern or North Sea fisheries. The Western stock management plan has not yet been agreed upon by all fishery users. Overall there is evidence that management of the horse mackerel fisheries could be significantly improved.</p> <p>(R1 – R3)</p>		M

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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.	
HIGH	Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.	
<p>Determination: Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty. The North Sea stock, in particular, has very little associated data.</p> <p>ICES advice:</p> <p>The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) provides annual advice on quotas and management of horse mackerel. The advice is separated into three reports: <i>Horse mackerel (Trachurus trachurus) in Division IXa (Southern stock); Horse mackerel (Trachurus trachurus) in Divisions IIa, IVa, Vb, VIa, VIIa-c,e-k, and VIIIa-e (Western stock); Horse mackerel (Trachurus trachurus) in Divisions IIIa, IVb,c, and VIId (North Sea stock).</i></p> <p>The southern stock advice is based on one survey index only; the western stock advice is based on catch data and one survey index; there is insufficient data to perform any assessment of the North Sea stock. Some reference points have been established for the southern and western stocks, none have been established in the North Sea. In general there is a lack of data for the assessment of European horse mackerel fisheries.</p> <p>(R3)</p>		M
C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>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.</i>		
LOW	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered.	
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: The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities.</p> <p>The IUCN has not assessed <i>Trachurus trachurus</i>. ICES has not recommended the closure of any of the three stocks.</p> <p>(R3, R4)</p>		H

5. REFERENCES

R1 – OECD country note on fishery management – France: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/11/36/34429244.pdf>

R2 – French Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, marine fisheries: <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/peche-maritime>

R3 – ICES mackerel advice 2011:
<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/asp/advice.asp?titlesearch=&Region=-1&Species=48&Period=306&submit1=Submit+Query&mode=2>

R4 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

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