

FISHERY By-Product SURVEILLANCE REPORT

IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



FISHERY By-Product:	Atlantic Wolffish (<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>)
LOCATION:	EU waters
DATE OF REPORT:	19/12/12
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME

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Certification Body Details

Name of Certification Body:	Global Trust Certification Ltd.	
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Summary of Assessment Findings

1. Scope of Assessment	By-Product surveillance
2. Fishery By-Product	Atlantic Wolffish (<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>)
3. Fishery By-Product Location	EU waters
4. Fishery Method	Unknown; likely trawling, longlines.
5. Outcome of Assessment	Maintain approval

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT

Are there any management measures in place for wolffish?
 Are any stock assessment activities or research carried out for wolffish?

3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

At this stage the assessment team is unable to find evidence for management or research on the Atlantic Wolffish stocks in European waters. As there have been no significant changes since the time of the initial assessment, the assessment team recommends maintaining the approval of this byproduct.

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: An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established; however at this stage the assessment team can find no evidence that there is any species or stock-specific management of Atlantic Wolffish fisheries.

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Fishery management framework (Europe):

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.

With regard to resource management, the CFP regulations comprise:

- 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.

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.

Fishery management framework (France):

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.

Management of Atlantic Wolffish:

The assessment team is unable to find any evidence of specific management of European Wolffish fisheries. It is also unclear whether there is a directed fishery or whether Wolffish byproduct is sourced entirely from the bycatch of other fisheries.

(R1, R2)

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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: The assessment team remains unable to find any research in support of the management of the stock, and so cannot assess this clause.</p> <p>The assessment team found very limited evidence of any research into North Sea Atlantic Wolffish populations, and little research into the species in general. ICES does not appear to issue advice on this species, either specifically or as part of a group of stocks.</p> <p>Some species information is available from the FAO, although this appears to have been last updated more than ten years ago and provides no information on fishery research or management. The species has been better researched in the US fishery, where there are widespread concerns over its conservation.</p> <p>(R3, R5)</p>		n/a
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, although there is some concern from the authorities responsible for managing the US Atlantic Wolffish fisheries.</p> <p>The IUCN has not assessed <i>Anarhichas lupus</i>. The species is a “species of concern” for the US National Marine Fisheries Service.</p> <p>(R4, R5)</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 – FAO species information, Atlantic Wolffish: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/species/2456/en>

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

R5 – NOAA NMFS species of concern, Atlantic Wolffish:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/species/atlanticwolffish_detailed.pdf

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