

# FISHERY BY-PRODUCT REPORT

## IFFO GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY OF FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL



<b>FISHERY By-Product:</b>	<b>Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Iceland ICES (Division Va)</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>03/12/13</b>
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**1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME**

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**1. Scope of Assessment**

<b>1. Scope of Assessment</b>	By-Product surveillance
<b>2. Fishery By-Product</b>	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
<b>3. Fishery By-Product Location</b>	Iceland ICES (Division Va)
<b>4. Fishery Method</b>	Bottom trawl, but an increasing share is taken with longlines and Danish seines
<b>5. Outcome of Assessment</b>	Maintain approval

**2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT**

**3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION**

There have been no substantial changes to the Icelandic fishery management framework at the national level, which is applied specifically to haddock in the assessment area. Management is supported by species-specific data collection and stock assessment. As there have been no substantial changes since the previous assessment, the assessment team recommends the approval of this byproduct be maintained.

**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>	
<b>LOW</b>	There is no satisfactory legal and management framework for fisheries in the region.
<b>MEDIUM</b>	An administrative and legal framework that underpins management of fisheries in the region is established, but it is not directly applied to the byproduct stock under assessment.
<b>HIGH</b>	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management for fisheries in the region is established and applied specifically to the byproduct stock under assessment.

**Determination:** *There are effective fishery management frameworks in place at the EU and national levels, and these frameworks are applied specifically to the byproduct species under assessment. The assessment team considers a rating of high compliance appropriate for the level of species-specific management described in the ICES stock assessments. There have been no substantial changes to the Icelandic fishery management framework since the previous assessment.*

**Fishery management framework:**

Modern Icelandic fisheries management is based on the Fisheries Management Act of 1990, and is the responsibility of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture. The objectives of the Fisheries Management Act are to promote the conservation and efficient utilisation of the marine resources and thus to ensure stable employment and economic viability of fishing communities. In other words, the aim is to ensure the sustainability of the fisheries while emphasising the economic benefits of the fisheries sector. The fisheries management system in Iceland is primarily based on extensive research on the fish stocks and the marine ecosystem, decisions made on the conduct of fisheries and allowable catches on the basis of scientific advice, and effective monitoring and enforcement of the fisheries and the total catch. Research is carried out within Iceland by the Marine Research Institute and internationally by ICES. These are the main pillars of the Icelandic fisheries management intended to ensure responsible fisheries and the sustainability of the ocean’s natural resources. Management of those stocks subject to international prosecution is facilitated by Iceland’s membership of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC).

**Species-specific management:**

Haddock in Icelandic waters is managed as a single stock and subjected to an annual quota. As projected by the previous assessment, a management plan compliant with the MSY-approach was put in place in April 2013, and formed the basis for the most recent ICES advice.

R1 – R3

B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.</i>		
<b>LOW</b>	Research to support the management of regional fisheries does not exist.	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	Research to support the management of regional fisheries exists; however research programmes are not specifically directed at the byproduct stock under assessment.	
<b>HIGH</b>	Research specifically targeting the byproduct stock under assessment is carried out in support of sustainable fisheries management.	
<p><b>Determination: <i>Research is carried out specifically to support the management of the species under assessment. There have been no substantial changes since the previous assessment.</i></b></p> <p>Haddock in Division Va remains subject to an annual stock assessment by ICES, which subsequently provides management advice. The stock assessment is based on landings-at-age data and two survey indices. ICES considers the assessments to be highly consistent and the data to be sufficient for management purposes.</p> <p>R2</p>		H
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>		
<b>LOW</b>	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered by the IUCN.	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	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. Alternatively if a species is listed as 'not assessed' or 'data deficient' by the IUCN and no additional information is available.	
<b>HIGH</b>	The fish By- Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities. Alternatively if a species is listed as 'not assessed' or 'data deficient' by the IUCN but other sources of evidence (e.g. MSC certification) demonstrate that the species is not critically at risk.	
<p><b>Determination: <i>The byproduct comes from a species which is classified as vulnerable, but the existence of multiple MSC-certified haddock fisheries in the region is sufficient evidence to award the byproduct a medium compliance rating under this clause. There has been no change since the previous assessment.</i></b></p> <p>The IUCN has categorised haddock as 'vulnerable'. However, there are several haddock fisheries in the North-East Atlantic which have been certified against the MSC standard.</p> <p>R4</p>		M

**5. REFERENCES**

R1 – Icelandic fisheries management: <http://www.fisheries.is/management/fisheries-management/>

R2 – ICES haddock in division Va advice, 2013:  
<http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2013/2013/had-iceg.pdf>

R3 – EU fishing quotas 2013: [http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/documentation/publications/poster\\_tac2013\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/documentation/publications/poster_tac2013_en.pdf)

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

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