

# FISHERY By-Product SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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



<b>FISHERY By-Product:</b>	<i>Coley (Pollachius virens)</i>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	UK & Ireland-Ices Area IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	19/02/2012
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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	Surveillance
1. Scope of Assessment	By-Product surveillance	
2. Fishery By-Product	Coley / saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	
3. Fishery By-Product Location	UK & Ireland-Ices Area IVa-c, VI a, VIIa,b,d-h,j2 (R6)	
4. Fishery Method	Bottom trawling	
5. Outcome of Assessment	Maintain approval	

2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT
3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION
<p>There is a robust fishery management framework at the EU and UK &amp; Ireland levels, which is applied specifically to coley in the assessment area. Management is supported by species-specific data collection and stock assessment. as there have been no substantial changes since the initial assessment, the assessment team recommends the approval of this byproduct be maintained.</p>

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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>		
<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.	
<p><b>Determination:</b> <i>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. There have been no significant changes since the initial assessment.</i></p> <p><b>Fishery management framework:</b></p> <p>The UK &amp; 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.</p> <p>With regard to resource management, the CFP regulations comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A traditional management tool based on TACs and quotas;</li> <li>• Technical measures relating to gear or catch;</li> <li>• Effort-related management, based on vessel engine power and the number of days at sea.</li> </ul> <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. An extensive reform of the CFP is currently under discussion by the European parliament and council, with the aim being to finalise negotiations by the end of 2013.</p> <p>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 the UK.</p> <p><b>Species-specific management:</b></p> <p>Coley in the area under assessment is subject to an EU-Norway management plan most recently updated in 2008. ICES has assessed the plan and found it to be consistent with the precautionary approach. Coley is subject to an annual TAC based on ICES advice.</p>		H
R1 – R5		

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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>		
<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 initial assessment.</i></b></p> <p>ICES stock assessments for coley in the assessment area are based on fishery dependent data and three survey indices. ICES notes a number of improvements which could be made in the data available for stock assessment purposes but generally considers scientific understanding of the stock to be adequate.</p> <p>R4</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>Coley has not been assessed by the IUCN red list but several coley fisheries have been certified against the MSC standard.</i></b></p> <p>The IUCN has not assessed <i>Pollachius virens</i>. However, it is listed on the MSC website as a 'fish to eat' and there are several MSC-certified fisheries worldwide.</p> <p>R6 &amp; R7</p>		H

## 5. REFERENCES

R1 – About the Common Fisheries Policy, Managing a Common Resource:

[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/index_en.htm)

R2 – Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Fisheries Department:

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

R3 – Marine Management Organisation (About): <http://marinemanagement.org.uk/about/index.htm>

R4 – ICES saithe (coley) advice 2012:

<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/asp/advice.asp?titlesearch=&Region=-1&Species=33&Period=316&submit1=Submit+Query&mode=2>

R5 – EU fishing quotas 2012: [http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/documentation/publications/poster\\_tac2012\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/documentation/publications/poster_tac2012_en.pdf)

R6 – IUCN redlist: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

R7 – MSC fish-to-eat, saithe (coley): <http://www.msc.org/cook-eat-enjoy/fish-to-eat/saithe>

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