

# ISF Norwegian & Icelandic herring trawl and seine

## MSC status

Certified as sustainable in 29 May 2014.

## The fishery: Unit of certification

The certified Samherji Norwegian & Icelandic herring trawl and seine fishery is defined as:

<b>Species</b>	Atlantic herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )
<b>Geographical range of fishing operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Iceland EEZ, ICES Subarea IIa, Va and Vb1b and North East Atlantic FAO Area 27</li><li>▪ ICES Subarea Va within Iceland EEZ</li></ul>
<b>Method of capture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mid-water trawl mesh size 40mm</li><li>▪ Purse seine with mesh size 31mm</li></ul>
<b>Stock</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Herring in the Northeast Atlantic (Norwegian spring-spawning stock)</li><li>▪ Herring in the Northeast Atlantic (Icelandic summer-spawning stock)</li></ul>
<b>Management</b>	Three public institutions are at the heart of Icelandic fisheries management: the Marine Research Institute (MRI), the Directorate of Fisheries (DF) and the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture (MFA). The coast Guard also has a role in monitoring fishing activities, gears, fishing locations and discards.
<b>Client group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Samherji hf and Síldarvinnslan hf vessels targeting the Northeast Atlantic herring stock in ICES Subarea IIa, Va and Vb1b using mid-water trawl.</li><li>▪ Samherji hf and Síldarvinnslan hf vessels targeting the Icelandic summer-spawning stock in ICES Subarea Va within Iceland EEZ using mid-water trawl.</li></ul>

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/isf-norwegian-and-icelandic-herring-trawl-and-seine/unit-of-certification>