



## MarinTrust Standard V2

# By-product Fishery Assessment Pollack (*Pollachius pollachius*) in ICES Subareas 6 and 7

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**Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome**

Fishery Under Assessment	Species:	Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )
	Geographical area:	FAO Area 27, northeast Atlantic Ocean
	Country of origin of the product:	UK and Ireland (flag state(s): UK and Ireland)
	Stock:	Pollack in ICES subareas 6 & 7
Date	18 April 2023	
Report Code	GBR15	
Assessor	Matthew Jew	
Country of origin of the product - PASS	UK and Ireland (flag state(s): UK and Ireland)	
Country of origin of the product - FAIL	NA	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome			
Company Name(s): Pelagia UK			
Country: UK and Ireland			
Email address:		Applicant Code:	
Certification Body Details			
Name of Certification Body:		Global Trust Certification	
Assessor	Peer Reviewer	Assessment Days	Initial/Surveillance/ Re-approval
Matthew Jew	Léa Lebechnech	0.5	Re-approval
Assessment Period	Up to April 2023		

Scope Details	
Main Species	Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )
Stock	Pollack in ICES subareas 6 & 7
Fishery Location	FAO Area 27, northeast Atlantic Ocean
Management Authority (Country/ State)	EU CFP
Gear Type(s)	2021 Estimates: Otter trawls (16.2%), Static nets (52%), and Other (32%)
Outcome of Assessment	
Peer Review Evaluation	Agree with the assessor's determination
Recommendation	APPROVED

## Table 2. Assessment Determination

Assessment Determination
<p>If any species is categorised as Endangered or Critically Endangered on IUCN’s Red List, or if it appears in the CITES appendices, it cannot be approved for use as Marin trust raw material. Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>) do not appear as Endangered or Critically Endangered on IUCN’s Red List, nor do they appear in CITES appendices; therefore, <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> is eligible for approval for use as Marin trust by-product raw material.</p> <p>On the basis of currently available information, ICES provides advice for three Pollack ‘stocks’ in the Northeast Atlantic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pollack in Subarea 4 and Division 3.a (North Sea, Skaggerak and Kattegat)</li> <li>2. Pollack in Subarea 8 and Division 9.a (Bay of Biscay and Atlantic Iberian waters)</li> <li>3. Pollack in Subareas 6 and 7 (Celtic Seas and the English Channel)</li> </ol> <p>One stock is part of this assessment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> in FAO 27 Subareas 6 and 7 (Celtic Seas and the English Channel).</li> </ol> <p>ICES cannot assess the stock and exploitation status relative to MSY and precautionary approach (PA) reference points because information to define reference points is not available. Therefore, following MarinTrust criteria, the species is assessed as Category D.</p> <p>Table D1 (PSA) shows that the stock as an average productivity score of 1.57 and an average susceptibility score of 3. The PSA risk rating results (Table D3) determined that the species passes.</p> <p>Therefore, Pollack in FAO 27 Subareas 6 and 7 is <b>APPROVED</b> for the production of fishmeal and fish oil under the current MarinTrust v2.0 by-products standard.</p>
Fishery Assessment Peer Review Comments
<p>The internal peer reviewer agrees with the considered stock under this assessment: Pollack in FAO 27 Subareas 6 and 7, Celtic Seas and the English Channel.</p> <p>The internal peer reviewer also agrees with the assessor’s determination, who correctly classified and approved the stock of pollack in ICES subareas 6 and 7 under Category D, as no reference points are defined for this stock. It passes the Table D1 (PSA) with an average productivity score of 1.57 and an average susceptibility score of 3.</p> <p>Therefore pollack in FAO 27, ICES subareas 6 and 7, is <b>APPROVED</b> for the production of fishmeal and fish oil under the current MarinTrust v 2.0 by-products standards.</p>
Notes for On-site Auditor
N/A

## Species Categorisation

**NB:** If any species is categorised as Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List, or if it appears in CITES Appendix 1, it **cannot** be approved for use as a MarinTrust raw material.

### IUCN Red list Category

By-product material from a species listed by IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) under the Red List for the following categories shall immediately fail the assessment;

- EXTINCT (E) AND EXTINCT IN THE WILD (EW)
- CRITICALLY ENDANGERED (CR) facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.
- ENDANGERED (EN) facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

By-product material may be used from the following categories provided that all clauses in the MarinTrust standard are passed.

- VULNERABLE (VU) facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.
- NEAR THREATENED (NT) does not qualify for above now, but is close or is likely to qualify for, a threatened category in the near future.
- LEAST CONCERN (LC) Widespread and abundant.
- DATA DEFICIENT (DD) and NOT EVALUATED (NE)

## Table 3 Species Categorisation Table

Common name	Latin name	Stock	Management	Category	IUCN Red List Category <sup>1</sup>	CITES Appendix 1 <sup>2</sup>
Pollack	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Pollack in ICES subareas 6 and 7	EU CFP	D	LC	No

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iucnredlist.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>

## CATEGORY D SPECIES

Category D species are those which are not subject to a species-specific management regime. In the case of mixed trawl fisheries, Category D species may make up the majority of landings. The comparative lack of scientific information on the status of the population of the species means that a risk-assessment style approach must be taken.

<b>D1</b>	<b>Species Name</b>		<b>Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)</b>		
	<b>Productivity Attribute</b>		<b>Value</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	Average age at maturity (years)		3.5 years	1	
	Average maximum age (years)		16 years	2	
	Fecundity (eggs/spawning)		>3 million eggs	1	
	Average maximum size (cm)		85.6 cm	1	
	Average size at maturity (cm)		45.4 cm	2	
	Reproductive strategy		Broadcast spawners	1	
	Mean trophic level		4.3	3	
	<b>Average Productivity Score</b>			<b>1.57</b>	
	<b>Susceptibility Attribute</b>		<b>Value</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	Availability (area overlap)		10% to 30%	2	
	Encounterability (the position of the stock/species within the water column relative to the fishing gear)		High susceptibility	3	
	Selectivity of gear type		High susceptibility	3	
	Post-capture mortality		Retained	3	
	<b>Average Susceptibility Score</b>			<b>3</b>	
	<b>PSA Risk Rating (From Table D3)</b>			<b>Pass</b>	
	<b>Compliance rating</b>			<b>Pass</b>	
	<b>Further justification for susceptibility scoring (where relevant)</b>				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Availability: The stock definition is pollack in subarea 6 and 7. This geographic area makes up between 10% and 30% of the species extent.           <div> </div> </li> <li>Encounterability: The harvest method was not provided by Pelagia UK. It is assumed that all the gear types detailed by ICES in the 2022 advice are used to harvest this stock. As 32% is listed as 'other gears', Encounterability cannot be fully assessed, and this attribute is scored as 3 out of precaution.</li> <li>Selectivity of gear type: Same as encounterability. This attribute was scored as high susceptibility out of precaution.</li> <li>Post-capture mortality: Retained species is scored as a 3.</li> </ol>				
	<b>References</b>				
Fishbase (2022). Species page, Pollack. <a href="https://www.fishbase.se/summary/34">https://www.fishbase.se/summary/34</a> Accessed 18 April 2023					
Fecundity estimate taken from the Biological Traits Information Catalogue, BIOTIC. <a href="http://www.marlin.ac.uk/biotic/browse.php?sp=6193">http://www.marlin.ac.uk/biotic/browse.php?sp=6193</a> Accessed 22.4.22					
Standard clauses 1.3.2.2					

Table D2 - Productivity / Susceptibility attributes and scores.

Productivity attributes	High productivity (Low risk, score = 1)	Medium productivity (medium risk, score = 2)	Low productivity (high risk, score = 3)
Average age at maturity	<5 years	5-15 years	>15 years
Average maximum age	<10 years	10-25 years	>25 years
Fecundity	>20,000 eggs per year	100-20,000 eggs per year	<100 eggs per year
Average maximum size	<100 cm	100-300 cm	>300 cm
Average size at maturity	<40 cm	40-200 cm	>200 cm
Reproductive strategy	Broadcast spawner	Demersal egg layer	Live bearer
Mean Trophic Level	<2.75	2.75-3.25	>3.25

Susceptibility attributes	Low susceptibility (Low risk, score = 1)	Medium susceptibility (medium risk, score = 2)	High susceptibility (high risk, score = 3)
Areal overlap (availability) Overlap of the fishing effort with the species range	<10% overlap	10-30% overlap	>30% overlap
Encounterability The position of the stock/species within the water column relative to the fishing gear, and the position of the stock/species within the habitat relative to the position of the gear	Low overlap with fishing gear (low encounterability).	Medium overlap with fishing gear.	High overlap with fishing gear (high encounterability). Default score for target species
Selectivity of gear type Potential of the gear to retain species	a Individuals < size at maturity are rarely caught	a Individuals < size at maturity are regularly caught.	a Individuals < size at maturity are frequently caught
	b Individuals < size at maturity can escape or avoid gear.	b Individuals < half the size at maturity can escape or avoid gear.	b Individuals < half the size at maturity are retained by gear.
Post-capture mortality (PCM) The chance that, if captured, a species would be released and that it would be in a condition permitting subsequent survival	Evidence of majority released post-capture and survival.	Evidence of some released post-capture and survival.	Retained species or majority dead when released.

<b>D3</b>		<b>Average Susceptibility Score</b>		
		<b>1 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.76 - 2.24</b>	<b>2.25 - 3</b>
<b>Average Productivity Score</b>	<b>1 - 1.75</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS
	<b>1.76 - 2.24</b>	PASS	PASS	TABLE D4
	<b>2.25 - 3</b>	PASS	TABLE D4	TABLE D4