



## MarinTrust Standard V2

### MSC Verification Report

# *Sprat (Sprattus sprattus) North Sea and Skagerrak*

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

Fishery For Verification	Species:	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>
	Geographical area:	FAO Area 27 Atlantic Northeast
	Stock:	North Sea and Skagerrak
	Gear:	Trawl, Purse seine
MSC Certification Report Reference	Norway sandeel, pout and North Sea sprat	
Date	February 2022	
Report Code	MSCV 4	
Assessor	Conor Donnelly	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome		
Company Name(s): TripleNine Vedde AS, Karlsund Protein AS		
Country: Norway		
Email address:		Applicant Code:
Certification Body Details		
Name of Certification Body:		Global Trust Certification
Assessor	Conor Donnelly	
Verification Period	To February 2022	

## Table 2 Summary of Results

Verification	MSC Report	MarinTrust applicant	Results
Scope (Species and Area)	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> ; North Sea, ICES Division 4	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> ; North Sea & Skagerrak	Scope matches
Stock	North Sea sprat	North Sea and Skagerrak sprat	Scope matches
Vessel list	Comprises the whole registered Norwegian fleet: "Fishing operators are Norwegian vessels fishing under quotas issued by Norwegian fisheries management. There are no other eligible fishers"	Potentially all Norwegian fleet	Scope matches
<b>Determination</b>			
<p>The stock is defined by ICES as sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat and North Sea), which matches that assessed in the MSC report and referred to by the MarinTrust applicant. Scope and vessel list also match.</p> <p>The applicant is sourcing from an MSC fishery and the scope of the client's application with regard this species/stock and the MSC UoA matches. Accordingly, the stock is automatically <b>APPROVED</b> in line with section 1.2 of the MarinTrust Standard v2.0.</p>			
<b>Notes for On-site Auditor</b>			
NA			



## Assessor Guidance

### HOW TO COMPLETE THIS VERIFICATION REPORT

The process for completing the template for MSC Verification is as follows:

1. Compare the scopes of the MSC certification and the MarinTrust applicant fishery. Use **TABLE 3** definitions to complete Results section.
2. Reach a final approval recommendation. After completing Scope **TABLE 3** the assessment team will be able to provide a final decision on approval. Results shown in **TABLE 2**.

**Table 3 Scope definitions according to standards**

Definition	MSC Unit of Certification Definition (V1.3)	MSC Unit of Certification Definition (MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements v 2.0)	MARINTRUST Unit of Approval definition	Scope comparison
Target Species	The target species	The target species	Intended species which is sought after and the focus of fishing effort	
Results	<b>NA</b>	<b>Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i></b>	<b>Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i></b>	<b>Scope matches</b>
Stock Definition	The target stock (s)	A description of the biological unit stock exploited by the fishery, as commonly used in management and assessment reports (e.g. North Sea spring spawning herring).	Subpopulation of species which is self-sustaining within a distinct area, as commonly used in management and assessment reports (e.g. North Sea spring spawning herring).	
Results	<b>NA</b>	<b>North Sea stock</b>	<b>North Sea, Skagerrak</b>	<b>Scope matches</b>
Geographic Area		A description of the geographic area within which the fishery is undertaken. This may be only a part or the entire stock unit included	Area of the sea designated by the FAO and ICES	

		under stock name. FAO and ICES definitions used.		
Results		<b>North Sea; ICES Division 4</b>	<b>North Sea, Skagerrak</b>	<b>Scope matches</b>
Harvest Method	The fishing method or gear	FAO defined gear terminology and/or legally defined/recognised in that jurisdiction used to describe fishing gears.	Fishing equipment as defined by the FAO or that designated by the legal authorities	
Results		<b>There are three UoAs for sprat distinguished by gear type: bottom trawl, midwater trawl and purse seine.</b>	<b>'Trawl and purse seine'</b>	<b>Scope matches</b>
Fleets, individual vessels	Practice (including vessels) pursuing that stock	Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate.	Named vessels on a client list. Named fishing organisations/entities that have access to the certificate, through the factory.	
Results		<b>UoA refers to 'Fishing operators are Norwegian vessels fishing under quotas issued by Norwegian fisheries management. There are no other eligible fishers'</b>	<b>'Potentially all Norwegian fleet'</b>	<b>Scope matches</b>