

Global Trust Certification

RFM Fishery Announcement

3rd Surveillance of

1. IRFM cod commercial fishery
2. IRFM haddock commercial fishery
3. IRFM saithe commercial fishery
4. IRFM Golden redfish commercial fishery
5. IRFM common ling commercial fishery
6. IRFM tusk commercial fishery
7. IRFM summer spawning herring commercial fishery

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1 Introduction

This Announcement marks the beginning of an RFM assessment during which the above fishery will be assessed for conformity to the requirements of the applicable Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) program(me)/scheme and documents outlined in Table 1 and details the information Global Trust Certification must provide when formally announcing this assessment.

Table 1. Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme and documents, including applicable versions and their usage.

Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme	Iceland Responsible Fisheries (IRF) Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Programme		
Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme documents	Document title	Version/Issue/Revision	Usage
	RFM Procedure 2: Application to Certification Procedures for the RFM Fishery Standard	Version 6	Process
	IRFF Requirements Document: Certification requirements for the operation of an ISO accredited third party scheme for the assessment and certification of Icelandic fisheries	Revision 1.2	
Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation (IRFF) Responsible Fisheries Management Standard	Revision 2.0	Standard	

2 Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) fishery announcement

Table 1. Fishery announcement.

1 Fishery name	
1.	IRFM cod commercial fishery
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2 Certification cycle, assessment type and number	
Certification cycle	Second (5-year) certification cycle (cod, haddock, saithe and Golden redfish only). First cycle for the other three fisheries.
Assessment type and number	3 rd surveillance assessment
3 Statement that the fishery is within scope	
Global Trust confirms that the fishery under assessment (as defined by the Units of Assessment (UoAs) described below) is within scope of the relevant RFM Fisheries Standard.	
4 Unit(s) of Assessment – UoA(s)	
The 7 Units of Assessment are presented in Table 2.	
Table 2. Unit(s) of Assessment.	
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 1 - Cod	
Species:	Common name: Atlantic cod (Þorskur)
	Latin name: <i>Gadus morhua</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)	Cod in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Demersal trawl; Long-line; Gill net; Danish Seine; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing cod*
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 2 - Haddock	
Species:	Common name: Icelandic haddock (Ýsa)
	Latin name: <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)	Haddock in ICES Division 5.a (Iceland grounds)
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Demersal trawl; Long-line; Danish Seine net; Gill net; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing haddock*
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 3 - Saithe	
Species:	Common name: Icelandic saithe (Ufsi)
	Latin name: <i>Pollachius virens</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)	Saithe in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Demersal trawl;

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		Gill-net; Longline; Danish Seine; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing saithe*
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 4 - Golden redfish		
Species:	Common name:	Golden redfish (Gullkarfi)
	Latin name:	<i>Sebastes norvegicus</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Stock(s)	Golden redfish in ICES Divisions 5 and 14	
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Demersal trawl (principal gear); Nephrops trawl; Long-line; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing golden redfish *	
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 5 - Ling		
Species:	Common name:	Common ling (Langa)
	Latin name:	<i>Molva molva</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Stock(s)	Ling in ICES Division 5.a (Iceland grounds)	
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Longline; Demersal trawl; Nephrops trawl; Gillnet; Danish seine; Hook-and-line by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing ling*	
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 6 - Tusk		
Species:	Common name:	Tusk/Cusk (Keila)
	Latin name:	<i>Brosme brosme</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Stock(s)	Tusk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>) in Subarea 14 and Division 5.a (East Greenland and Iceland grounds)	
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Longline; Demersal trawl; Hook-and-line by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing tusk*	
Unit of Assessment (UoA) 7 – SS Herring		
Species:	Common name:	Atlantic herring/herring (Sild)
	Latin name:	<i>Clupea harengus</i>
Geographical Area(s)	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Stock(s)	Herring in Division 5.a, summer-spawning herring (Iceland grounds)	
Management System	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s)/method(s)	Purse seine net; Pelagic trawl; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing summer-spawning herring*	

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5	<p>Name of proposed team leader</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vito Romito is the Team Leader with responsibility over the Ecosystem Considerations and Compliance & Monitoring sections of the assessment. Vito has 9 years (2010-2015, 2018-2022) experience as ecosystem impacts expert for fisheries assessments in Alaska, Iceland, Louisiana, Canada, Eastern US, Italy, Baltic Sea with Global Trust Certification Ltd. He has been involved with all key Icelandic fisheries since the first assessments in 2011. Vito does not have a conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment. Summary of CV provided in Appendix 1.
6	<p>Name(s) of proposed team members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dankert Skagen is the assessor with responsibility over the fisheries management, stock assessment & advice section of the report. Dankert retired from the Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Bergen in 2010, where he worked for 22 years. His responsibilities included stock assessment, multispecies work, in particular in the North Sea, work connected to the introduction of the precautionary approach in fisheries and more recently, on development of harvest control rules and management strategies. Dankert has been involved with sustainability assessment of Icelandic fisheries for 10 years. Dankert does not have a conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment. Summary of CV provided in Appendix 1.
7	<p>Site visit</p> <p>The site visit (which may take place remotely) will take on the proposed date(s) and at the following location(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Site visit dates:</u> 11th of October 2022 to 13th of October 2022. <u>Site visit location(s):</u> The site visit portion of this assessment will take place on site, in Iceland. <p>The scope of this surveillance audits is verify if the fisheries under assessment continue to be in compliance with the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation (IRFF) Responsible Fisheries Management Standard Revision 2.0, and to ensure that corrective actions in place to close existing non-conformances are progressing as agreed. The auditors will review any updates on fisheries management, stock status and assessment, and ecosystem effects of the fishery that may have occurred since the previous audit.</p> <p>No data-limited approach is projected for use in these surveillance audits.</p> <p>Stakeholders wishing to consult directly with the assessment team during this period may contact Global Trust as outlined below requesting to do so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Global Trust Client Services: ClientServicesie@nsf.org. The deadline for doing so is 17:00 UTC on Monday 10 October 2022. Provide at least the following details when doing so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your name and contact details. Your association with the fishery. Your interest in the fishery/the issues you would like to discuss.

3 Appendices

3.1 Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

The assessment team for this assessment consists of:

- Vito Romito - Lead Assessor and primary responsibility for Ecosystem Considerations and Compliance & Monitoring
- Dankert Skagen - Assessor and primary responsibility for Fisheries Management, Stock Assessment & Advice.

A brief bio for each assessment team member is presented below.

Vito Romito, Lead Assessor

Vito has 10 years of expertise in fisheries certification and is an ISO14001 Certified Lead Auditor and MSC FCR v.2.0 and FCP v.2.1 approved Fisheries Team Leader for SAI Global with extensive experience in ecosystems effects of fisheries. Vito received a BSc (Honours) in Ecology and a MSc in Tropical Coastal Management from Newcastle University (U.K.), in between which he worked for a year in Tanzania, carrying out comparative biodiversity assessments of pristine and dynamited coral reef ecosystems around the Mafia Island Marine Park. For five years he worked at Global Trust Certification/ later SAI Global as Lead Assessor for all the fishery assessments in Alaska, Iceland and Louisiana. Vito has also carried out several IFFO forage fisheries assessments in Chile, Peru, Europe and other various pre-assessments in Atlantic and Pacific Canada. To date, Vito has headed and conducted dozens of assessments involving 40+ different species including salmonid, groundfish, pelagic, flatfish, crustacean and cephalopod species in Europe, North and South America, and SE Asia. For three years, as a senior fisheries consultant and then manager with RS Standards Ltd., he was involved in the development and testing of a Data Deficient Fisheries framework and v.2.0 fisheries standard for the ASMI Alaska RFM Scheme, and IFFO RS Improver/FIP projects related to South East Asia multispecies bottom trawl fisheries. Vito re-joined the SAI Global Fisheries Team in 2018 and has since been involved in MSC and RFM fisheries assessments in Canada, New England, Iceland, Alaska and Louisiana, the Baltic Sea, Ireland and Italy.

Vito will be responsible for Section 2 (Compliance and Monitoring) and Section 3 (Ecosystem Considerations). Vito does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment and will take part in the site visit.

Dankert Skagen, Assessor

Dankert retired from the Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Bergen in 2010, where he worked for 22 years. His responsibilities included stock assessment, multispecies work, in particular in the North Sea, work connected to the introduction of the precautionary approach in fisheries and more recently, on development of harvest control rules and management strategies.

He was leader of the IMR research program for population dynamics and multispecies investigations in 1996-97 and for the development of new assessment tools for North-East arctic cod in 1998-99 and the assessment package TASACS in 2007-08. In addition, he has developed several programs for simulating harvest control rules that are commonly used in fisheries management today. Within ICES, he has participated in a wide range of working groups and has been chairman of several of them, including the Study Group of Management Strategies. He was chairman of the Resource Management Committee for 3 years and member of ACFM for 7 years. Dankert has been involved with sustainability assessment of Icelandic fisheries for 10 years.

Dankert will be responsible for Section 1 Fisheries Management (which includes requirements on harvest control rule and policy, stock assessment and status, advice and decisions on TAC, etc.). Dankert does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment and will take part in the site visit.