

Iceland Responsible Fisheries (IRF) Programme

Announcement of the 4th Surveillance Assessments and the Re-Assessments

Of:

Fishery	Assessment
Icelandic Cod Commercial Fisheries	Surveillance 4 + Re-assessment
Icelandic Golden Redfish Commercial Fisheries	Surveillance 4 + Re-assessment
Icelandic Haddock Commercial Fisheries	Surveillance 4
Icelandic Saithe Commercial Fisheries	Surveillance 4

Clients:

1. **Samtök fyrirtækja í sjávarútvegi (SFS) (Fisheries Iceland)**
2. **Landssamband smábátaeigenda (The National Association of Small Boat Owners, Iceland (NASBO))**

Facilitated By

Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation (IRFF)

This announcement substantiates the commencement of the above assessments of the above Icelandic commercial fisheries to the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Programme on behalf of Fisheries Iceland and the National Association of Small Boat Owners (NASBO)).

The fisheries were originally certified on the following dates (see table below) against the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Management Standard Issue 1 Revision 1, aside from the Golden Redfish fishery which was certified against Standard Issue 1. As part of the 2nd surveillance activities in late-2016 all four fisheries were transitioned to Revision 2.0 (July, 2016) of the IRF Standard; as such, during the above assessment activities, these fisheries will be evaluated against Revision 2.0 of the IRF Standard which is available at:

<https://www.responsiblefisheries.is/certification/standards/>

Fishery	Certification Date
Icelandic Cod Commercial Fisheries	07 th October 2014
Icelandic Golden Redfish Commercial Fisheries	23 rd January 2015
Icelandic Haddock Commercial Fisheries	23 rd January 2015
Icelandic Saithe Commercial Fisheries	01 st May 2014

The proposed site visit will take place between the 27th November 2018 and the 29th November 2018 inclusive in Reykjavik, Iceland with exact details of meetings still to be determined.

This announcement also includes, on the following pages, details of the Units of Assessment and Certification under consideration and the Assessment Team that will be conducting the audit.

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Units of Assessment and Certification under consideration

The applicant Units of Assessment (UoA) (i.e., what is to be assessed) are described by the following:

Fishery 1 – Icelandic Cod Commercial Fisheries

Units of Assessment (UoAs)			
Common across all UoAs		UoA	
Species:	Common name:	All	Atlantic cod (Þorskur)
	Latin name:	All	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
Geographical Area(s):		All	Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s):		All	Cod in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
Principal Management Authority:		All	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Unique to each UoA		UoA	
Fishing gears:		1	Demersal trawl
		2	Long-line
		3	Gill net
		4	Danish Seine
		5	Hook and line (Handline)
		6	Nephrops trawl
		7	Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing cod*

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 2 – Icelandic Golden Redfish Commercial Fisheries

Units of Assessment (UoAs)			
Common across all UoAs		UoA	
Species:	Common name:	All	Golden Redfish (Gullkarfi)
	Latin name:	All	<i>Sebastes norvegicus</i>
Geographical Area(s)		All	Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)		All	Golden redfish in ICES Divisions 5 and 14
Principal Management Authority:		All	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Unique to each UoA		UoA	
Fishing gears:		1	Demersal trawl
		2	Nephrops trawl
		3	Long-line
		4	Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing golden redfish*

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 3 – Icelandic Haddock Commercial Fisheries

Units of Assessment (UoAs)			
Common across all UoAs		UoA	
Species:	Common name:	All	Haddock (Ýsa)
	Latin name:	All	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>
Geographical Area(s)		All	Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)		All	Haddock in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
Principal Management Authority:		All	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Unique to each UoA		UoA	
Fishing gears:		1	Demersal trawl
		2	Long-line
		3	Danish Seine
		4	Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing haddock*

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 4 – Icelandic Saithe Commercial Fisheries

Units of Assessment (UoAs)			
Common across all UoAs		UoA	
Species:	Common name:	All	Saithe (Ufsi)
	Latin name:	All	<i>Pollachius virens</i>
Geographical Area(s)		All	Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27
Stock(s)		All	Saithe in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
Principal Management Authority:		All	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Unique to each UoA		UoA	
Fishing gears/methods		1	Demersal trawl
		2	Gill net
		3	Hook and line (Handline)
		4	Danish Seine
		5	Long-line
		6	Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing saithe*

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

The applicant Unit of Certification (UoCs) (i.e., what is to be covered by the Certificates if all Units of Assessment listed above continue to meet the required standard) is described by the following:

Fishery 1 – Icelandic Cod (*Gadus morhua*) Commercial Fisheries

Unit of Certification (UoC)			
Species:	Common name:	Atlantic cod (Þorskur)	Stock: Cod in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
	Latin name:	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	
Geographical Area(s):		Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Principal Management Authority:		Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s):		Demersal trawl Long-line Gill net Danish Seine Hook and line (Handline) Nephrops trawl Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing cod*	

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 2 – Icelandic Golden Redfish (*Sebastes norvegicus*) Commercial Fisheries

Unit of Certification (UoC)			
Species:	Common name:	Golden redfish (Gullkarfi)	Stock: Golden redfish in ICES Division 5 and 14
	Latin name:	<i>Sebastes norvegicus</i>	
Geographical Area(s):		Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Principal Management Authority:		Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s):		Demersal trawl Nephrops trawl Long-line Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing golden redfish*	

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 3 – Icelandic Haddock Commercial Fisheries

Unit of Certification (UoC)			
Species:	Common name:	Haddock (Ýsa)	Stock: Haddock in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
	Latin name:	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	
Geographical Area(s):		Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	

Principal Management Authority:	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)
Fishing gear(s):	Demersal trawl Long-line Danish Seine Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing haddock*

*comprised of gears contributing less than 1% to total landings of target species.

Fishery 4 – Icelandic Saithe Commercial Fisheries

Unit of Certification (UoC)			
Species:	Common name:	Saithe (Ufsi)	Stock: Saithe in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)
	Latin name:	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	
Geographical Area(s):		Iceland 200 mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
Principal Management Authority:		Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
Fishing gear(s):		Demersal trawl Gill net Hook and line (Handline) Danish Seine Long-line Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing saithe*	

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Notice of Assessment Team

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, SAI Global is pleased to confirm the assessment team members for this assessment as follows:

Lead Assessor	<p>Vito Romito, Lead Assessor</p> <p>Vito holds a BSc (Hons) in Ecology and an MSc in Coastal Management from Newcastle University in the U.K, after which he spent a year in Tanzania, carrying out biodiversity assessments and monitoring studies of pristine and dynamited coral reef, mangrove, and seagrass ecosystems.</p> <p>For five years, with Global Trust Certification Ltd, he headed and managed the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Assessment and Certification Program for 3 jurisdictions, covering all the major commercial fisheries in Alaska, Iceland and most recently, Louisiana, as lead assessor and ecosystem impacts expert. He has also carried out several IFFO RS forage fisheries assessments in Chile, Peru, Europe and other verification assessments in Atlantic and Pacific Canada. To date, Vito has headed and conducted numerous fishery assessments involving 40 + different species including salmonid, groundfish, pelagic, flatfish, crustacean, cephalopod and forage species. He is a Lead, third party IRCA ISO 14001:2004 & OHSAS 18001:2007 approved auditor, and an MSC V2 trained Fisheries Team Member.</p> <p>For three years, Vito worked with RS Standards Ltd, primarily involved with leading and the development of the Alaska RFM Program (and Standard to Version 2.0) while ensuring international program recognition through the GSSI Benchmark. On his last year he mainly managed the operations and business portfolio of RS standards fisheries and aquaculture projects. In late 2018 Vito re-joined SAI Global.</p> <p>Vito will be in charge of coordinating the other Assessment Team members, participating in the assessment and will be responsible for the completion of the assessment in accordance with Certification procedures. Vito will also be the team's expert on 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 visits.</p>
Assessor 1	<p>Conor Donnelly, Assessor</p> <p>Conor is an experienced marine ecologist and environmental manager with a background of over 17 years at the UK statutory nature conservation body, Natural England, where he was Senior Marine Adviser responsible for marine delivery across the East Midlands, Norfolk and Suffolk. He has a BSc. in Environmental Science from King's College, University of London and an M.Res. in Marine and Coastal Ecology and Environmental Management from the University of York. Conor is also an MSC approved Fisheries Team Leader.</p> <p>Conor has extensive experience of working with fisheries managers, the fishing sector, local communities and eNGOs, particularly from assessing the environmental impacts of mussel, cockle and shrimp fisheries in The Wash, UK and providing advice on their management. He was Natural England's representative on the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and its predecessor. He also advised and supported the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on fisheries casework in the southern North Sea under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) including meetings with other member states. Other experience includes Marine Protected Area designation, conservation advice and condition assessment; conservation legislation and policy; and working with partners and stakeholders to deliver positive environmental outcomes. Conor is certified as a Fisheries Team Leader under MSC FCR versions 1.3 and 2 and a fisheries assessor under the IFFO RS Standard.</p> <p>Conor will be the team's expert on Section 3, Ecosystem Considerations. Conor does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment and will take part in the site visits.</p>

Assessor 2	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dankert will be the team's expert on 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 visits.</p>
Assessor 3	<p>Gísli Svan Einarsson, Assessor Gísli Svan Einarsson has in depth knowledge of the management system and operational management of Icelandic ground fish fisheries during his previous employment as a Fleet Manager of FISK Seafood for 18 years. Specialist assessor skills stem from his knowledge of quota setting, allocation and monitoring and compliance, local knowledge of fishery management concerns, fleets, organizations, fleet structure and supply chains.</p> <p>Gísli Svan has been a Project Manager of many Projects concerning the Fishing Industry and a specialist in fish traceability. Gísli is currently employed as Manager by VERID Science Park, Iceland. Qualifications include a BA from the University of Bifröst and a Diploma in Administration in Fishing Industry from "Tækniskóli Íslands" now the University of Reykjavík.</p> <p>Gísli will be the team's expert on Section 2 Compliance and Monitoring. Gísli does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment and will take part in the site visits.</p>