

## Iceland Responsible Fisheries Programme

### Announcement of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

#### *Client*

**Samtök fyrirtækja í sjávarútvegi (SFS) (Fisheries Iceland);  
and**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Surveillance Assessment of the Icelandic cod, haddock, saithe, Golden redfish, ling, tusk and summer spawning herring commercial fisheries to the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Programme on behalf of Fisheries Iceland and NASBO.

The fisheries were certified/re-certified (see dates in the table below) against the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation Responsible Fisheries Management Standard Revision 2.0 which is available at:

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

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Certified or Re-certified</b>	<b>Date</b>
IRFM cod commercial fishery	Re-certified	03 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020
IRFM haddock commercial fishery	Re-certified	03 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020
IRFM saithe commercial fishery	Re-certified	03 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020
IRFM Golden redfish commercial fishery	Re-certified	03 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019
IRFM common ling commercial fishery	Certified	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2019
IRFM tusk commercial fishery	Certified	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2019
IRFM summer spawning herring commercial fishery	Certified	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2019

The proposed remote site visit will take place between January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with exact details of meetings still to be determined.

This announcement also includes, on the following pages, details of the Unit(s) of Assessment (UoA(s)) and the Unit of Certification (UoC) 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 Unit (s) of Assessment (UoA) (i.e., what is to be assessed) are described by the following:

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; 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>

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

\* Comprised of all other gears contributing <1% to total Icelandic landings of the target species.

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

<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 1 - Cod</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Atlantic cod (Þorskur)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Cod in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Demersal trawl; Long-line; Gill net; Danish Seine; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing cod*	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 2 - Haddock</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Icelandic haddock (Ýsa)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	

<b>Stock(s)</b>	Haddock in ICES Division 5.a (Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Demersal trawl; Long-line; Danish Seine net; Gill net; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing haddock*	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 3 - Saithe</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Icelandic saithe (Ufsi)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Pollachius virens</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Saithe in ICES Division 5a (Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Demersal trawl; Gill-net; Longline; Danish Seine; Hook and line (Handline) by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing saithe*	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 4 - Golden redfish</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Golden redfish (Gullkarfi)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Sebastes norvegicus</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Golden redfish in ICES Divisions 5 and 14	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Demersal trawl (principal gear); Nephrops trawl; Long-line; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing golden redfish *	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 5 - Ling</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Common ling (Langa)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Molva molva</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Ling in ICES Division 5.a (Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Longline; Demersal trawl; Nephrops trawl; Gillnet; Danish seine; Hook-and-line by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing ling*	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 6 - Tusk</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Tusk/Cusk (Keila)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Brosme brosme</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Tusk ( <i>Brosme brosme</i> ) in Subarea 14 and Division 5.a (East Greenland and Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Longline; Demersal trawl;	

	Hook-and-line by small vessels; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing tusk*	
<b>Unit of Certification (UoC) 7 – SS Herring</b>		
<b>Species:</b>	<b>Common name:</b>	Atlantic herring/herring (Síld)
	<b>Latin name:</b>	<i>Clupea harengus</i>
<b>Geographical Area(s)</b>	Iceland 200-mile EEZ within FAO Fishing Area 27	
<b>Stock(s)</b>	Herring in Division 5.a, summer-spawning herring (Iceland grounds)	
<b>Management System</b>	Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Iceland)	
<b>Fishing gear(s)/method(s)</b>	Purse seine net; Pelagic trawl; Gears from other Icelandic fisheries legally landing summer-spawning herring*	

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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:

<b>Lead Assessor</b>	<p><b>Vito Romito, Lead Assessor</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 remote site visits.</p>
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	<p><b>Dankert Skagen, Assessor</b></p> <p>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,</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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 remote site visits.</p>
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