

CERTIFICATION OF ICELANDIC FISHERIES



The FAO-Based Iceland Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Programme is a third party certification model used to verify responsible fisheries management in Icelandic waters and good treatment of marine resources.

WELL MANAGED FISHERIES

Iceland has taken a leading role in fisheries management, focusing on the sustainable use of fish stocks and good treatment of the marine ecosystem. The Icelandic fisheries system has been developed in accordance with international law and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION

The purpose for obtaining certification of Icelandic fisheries from an independent third party certification body is to demonstrate with complete transparency that fishing and fisheries management in Iceland is carried out in a responsible and recognized manner.

The UN FAO has developed and adopted Guidelines for market based certification and ecolabelling that are based on explicitly stated principles. These principles include avoidance of obstacles to trade and state that ecolabelling schemes should be considered equivalent if consistent with the FAO Guidelines.

CERTIFIED FISHERIES – HARVEST CONTROL RULES

Icelandic authorities have adopted harvesting policy and formal harvest control rules for cod, haddock, saithe and golden redfish fisheries. Subsequent independent third party certification according to the highest international requirements confirms that these fisheries are well managed.

The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) has confirmed that the adopted harvest control rules for those fisheries are consistent with the Precautionary Approach to fisheries management.

Ireland's Global Trust Certification, which is part of SAI Global, conducted the assessment and issued the certificates for those fisheries.



COD

Certified in 2010



HADDOCK

Certified in 2013



SAITHE

Certified in 2013



GOLDEN REDFISH

Certified in 2014



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