



MarinTrust Standard V2

MSC Verification Report

MSCV28

Sandeel (Ammodytes spp.)

in FAO 27, ICES 3.a.20, 4.a, b,

Sandeel Area 3r (Skagerrak, northern
and central North Sea)

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

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| Fishery For Verification | Species: | Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) |
| | Geographical area: | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>) |
| | Stock: | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.) in divisions 4.a–b and Subdivision 20, Sandeel Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) |
| | Gear: | Trawl |
| MSC Certification Report Reference | Norway sandeel and North Sea sprat | |
| Date | September 2024 | |
| Report Code | MSCV28 | |
| Assessor | Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres | |

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| Application details and summary of the assessment outcome | |
| Company Name(s): Pelagia Karmsund Protein AS | |
| Country: Norway | |
| Email address: | Applicant Code: |
| Certification Body Details | |
| Name of Certification Body: | NSF / Global Trust Certification Ltd. |
| Assessor | Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres |
| Verification Period | September 2024 – September 2025 |

Table 2 Summary of Results

| Verification | MSC Report | MarinTrust applicant | Results |
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| Scope (Species and Area) | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.) in Northeast Atlantic Ocean - ICES 3 and 4. | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.) in FAO 27 ICES 3a20 and 4.a–b, Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Scope matches |
| Stock | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.) in divisions 4.a–b and Subdivision 20, Sandeel Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.) in divisions 4.a–b and Subdivision 20, Sandeel Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Scope matches |
| Vessel list | According to the Public Certification Report from December 2023, the MSC certificate for this stock covers all fishing vessels in the UoCs operating under Norwegian flag and licensed by Norwegian authorities | The MarinTrust applicant provided a vessel list. Two vessels were associated to the sandeel fishery and Karmsund Protein AS: Håflu and Morten Einar. The registers of both vessels were verified by Norwegian Maritime Authority in: https://www.sdir.no/en/shipsearch/ | Scope matches |
| Determination | | | |
| The applicant is sourcing from an MSC fishery and the scope of the client’s application with regard scope/stock/vessel list and the MSC UoA matches. The stock is APPROVED in line with the MarinTrust Standard. | | | |
| Notes for On-site Auditor | | | |
| N/A | | | |

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 | | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes spp.</i>) | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes spp.</i>) | Scope matches |
| 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 | | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes spp.</i>) in divisions 4.a–b and Subdivision 20, Sandeel Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Sandeel (<i>Ammodytes spp.</i>) in divisions 4.a–b and Subdivision 20, Sandeel Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Scope matches |
| Geographic Area | NA | A description of the geographic area within which the fishery is undertaken. This may be only a part or the entire stock unit included under | Area of the sea designated by the FAO and ICES | |

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| | | stock name. FAO and ICES definitions used. | | |
| Results | | Northeast Atlantic Ocean - ICES 3 and 4 | FAO 27 ICES 3a20 and 4.a–b, Area 3r (northern and central North Sea, Skagerrak) | Scope matches |
| 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 | | Trawl (bottom and midwater) | Trawl | Scope matches |
| 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 | | According to the Public Certification Report from December 2023, the MSC certificate for this stock covers all fishing vessels in the UoCs operating under Norwegian flag and licensed by Norwegian authorities. | The MarinTrust applicant provided a vessel list. Two vessels were associated to the sandeel fishery and Karmsund Protein AS: Håflu and Morten Einar. The registers of both vessels were verified by Norwegian Maritime Authority in: https://www.sdir.no/en/shipsearch/ | Scope matches |