

This is to certify that the:

**MINSA North East Atlantic Mackerel Fishery**

**Has been certified as compliant with the Marine  
Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard**


The client for the fishery is:

**MINSA North East Atlantic Mackerel Fishery**

**Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group  
Fraserburgh Business Centre  
South Harbour Road  
Fraserburgh  
AB43 9TN, UK**

This certified fishery, as defined in attached schedule, has the right to claim that it is a “Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery” in accordance with the MSC’s Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing

Authorising signatory:



Managing Director, Acoura Marine

Fishery name: MINSA North East Atlantic Mackerel Fishery  
Valid certificate number: F - ACO – 0089  
Certificate valid from: 10/MAY/2016 – for Actual Eligibility Date see page 7  
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## Certificate schedule

### UNITS OF CERTIFICATION

Definition: Target stock(s) combined with the fishing method/gear and practice (including vessel type/s) pursuing that stock, and any fleets, or groups of vessels, or individual fishing operators that are covered by the MSC fishery certificate. Note that other eligible fishers may also be included in some Units of Assessment but not initially certified (until covered by a certificate sharing arrangement).

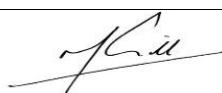
#### UoC 1 – SPSG (Scotland)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, V, VI, VII, IVa & IVb
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd (SPSG) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel ICES Area II, V, VI, VII, IVa & IVb, using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

#### UoC 2 – SPSG (Scotland)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, V, VI, VII, IVa & IVb
Method of capture:	Purse seine
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd (SPSG) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel ICES Area II, V, VI, VII, IVa & IVb, using purse seine.

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### UoC 3 – DPPO (Denmark)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV, V & VI
Method of capture:	Purse seine
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas II, III, IV, V & VI, using purse seine.

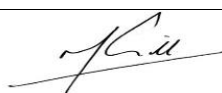
### UoC 4 – DPPO (Denmark)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV, V & VI
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas II, III, IV, V & VI, using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

### UoC 5 – IPSA (Ireland)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas VI, VII, IVa, Vb, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc & VIIE
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Irish Pelagic Sustainability Association (IPSA) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas VI, VII, IVa, Vb, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc & VIIE, using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

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### UoC 6 – IPSG (Ireland)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas VI, VII, VIII, Vb, XII, XIV & IIa
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Irish Pelagic Sustainability Group (IPSG) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas VI, VII, VIII, Vb, XII, XIV & IIa, using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

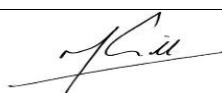
### UoC 7 – NFA (Norway)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII
Method of capture:	Pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	All Norwegian vessels fishing for NE Atlantic mackerel in ICES areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII, using pelagic trawl, sold through or by approval from Norges Sildesalgslag.

### UoC 8 – NFA (Norway)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII
Method of capture:	Purse seine
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	All Norwegian vessels fishing for NE Atlantic mackerel in ICES areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII, using purse seine, sold through or by approval from Norges Sildesalgslag.

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### UoC 9 – NFA (Norway)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII
Method of capture:	Hand-line
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	All Norwegian vessels fishing for NE Atlantic mackerel in ICES areas II, III, IV, V, VI & VII, using hand-line, sold through or by approval from Norges Sildesalgslag.

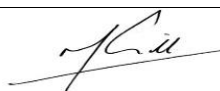
### UoC 10 – PFA (Netherlands, Germany, France, England, Lithuania)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas IVa, Vb, IIa, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, XII & XIV
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas IVa, Vb, IIa, VI, VII, VIIIb, XII & XIV, using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

### UoC 11 – SPFPO (Sweden)

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV & V
Method of capture:	Purse seine
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Swedish Pelagic Federation Producer Organization (SPFPO) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas II, III, IV & V using purse seine.

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**UoC 12 – SPFPO (Sweden)**

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Areas II, III, IV & V
Method of capture:	Mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Swedish Pelagic Federation Producer Organization (SPFPO) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Areas II, III, IV & V using mid-water single and pair pelagic trawl.

**UoC 13 – SPFPO (Sweden)**

Species:	Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )
Geographical area:	ICES Area III (Skagerack/Kettegatt)
Method of capture:	Hand-line
Stock:	North East Atlantic Mackerel
Management System:	Agreed record on a fisheries arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of mackerel in the North East Atlantic.
Client Group:	Swedish Pelagic Federation Producer Organization (SPFPO) member vessels fishing for North East Atlantic mackerel in ICES Area III, using hand-line.

Other Eligible Fishers:	Members of MINSA and other producer organisations or fisheries organisations or individual fishers who have not yet signed the certification sharing mechanism.
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Please note that whilst the Norway UoCs are part of MINSA, they have been treated in a separate report. The Units of Certification detail the full extent of what was assessed, however, the full and complete Public Certification Reports (May 2016) precisely define the exact nature of certification for this fishery.

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**THE POINT(S) AT WHICH FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS MAY ENTER A CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

Only North East Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) caught in the manner defined in the Units of Certification under restrictions detailed throughout the body of the Public Certification Reports (May 2016) for this fishery shall be eligible to enter the Chain of Custody. Chain of Custody should commence following the first point of landing, at which point the product shall be eligible to carry the MSC logo.

There are no restrictions defining 'port of landing', over and above those stated in national fishing regulations. Certified vessels may also land into other EU countries.

The Actual Eligibility Date for this fishery is the 1st of September 2015. This means that any fish caught by the certified fleet following that date will be eligible to enter the chain of custody as certified product, from the certificate valid date.

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**THE PARTIES, OR CATEGORIES OF PARTIES, THAT ARE ENTITLED TO USE THIS CERTIFICATE TO ENTER FISH FROM THE CERTIFIED FISHERY INTO CERTIFIED CHAINS OF CUSTODY**

The members of the client group MINSA North East Atlantic Mackerel are:

- Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group (SPSG)
- Danish Pelagic Producers Organization (DPPO)
- Irish Pelagic Sustainability Association (IPSA)
- Irish Pelagic Sustainability Group (IPSG)
- Norges Fiskarlag / Norwegian Fishermen’s Association (NFA)
- Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA)
- Swedish Pelagic Federation Producer Organization (SPFPO)

A client vessel register is managed by MINSA.

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