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FFA Finland Gulf of Bothnia Herring
MSC-F-31377 (Preceding certificate number F-ACO-0123)
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Certificate of Conformity

Acoura Marine Ltd. trading as LRQA certifies that:

FFA Finland Gulf of Bothnia Herring

is a sustainable and well managed fishery which meets the requirements set out in the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The client for the fishery is:

Finland Fishermen's Association / Suomen Ammattikalastajaliitto R.Y.

Jordaksentie 124

FIN-07840

Lindkoski

Finland

The scope of this certification is applicable to:

Species:

Clupea harengus (L., 1758) (syn. *Clupea harengus membras* (Wulf, 1765))

Gear type(s):

Pelagic trawl and fish trap

Geographical Area:

ICES Subdivisions 30-31

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Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture

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Units of Certification (UoC)

UoC 2 & 3

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i> (L., 1758) (syn. <i>Clupea harengus membras</i> (Wulf, 1765)	
Geographical area:	Bothnian Bay	
Stock:	Gulf of Bothnia (ICES Subdivisions 30 and 31)	
Unit of Certification	1	2
Method of capture:	Pelagic trawl	Fish trap
Management System:	EU and Russian Federation agreement on the joint management of the Baltic Sea. EU Common Fisheries Policy	
Client Group:	Finland Fishermen's Association / Suomen Ammattikalastajaliitto R.Y.	

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The point(s) at which fish and fish products may enter a chain of custody:

The point at which ownership of the product changes is the point of first sale. Chain of custody should therefore begin at the point of first sale.

Due to the suspension of the Sprat UoCs in other fisheries a VR has been accepted to land sprat as up to 4% of the yearly catch as IPI. These is detailed in a in the VR request and response, which can be found on the MSC website: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/ffa-finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@assessments>

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:

An up to date vessel list for both trawl and trap fisheries can be found on the MSC website (<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/finland-baltic-herring-sprat/@certificates>) or by contacting LRQA.

Other eligible fishers are trawl operators in the Baltic Sea not included in the UoC(s) above. This is based on a certificate sharing arrangement which includes an agreement of code of conduct and contribution to costs (this is available to view on the MSC website or by contacting LRQA).