



Fishery name: FFA Finland and SPFPO Sweden Gulf of Bothnia herring fishery  
Valid Certificate number: MSC-F-31377 (Preceding certificate number F-ACO-0123)  
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# Certificate of Conformity

This is to certify that:

## FFA Finland and SPFPO Sweden Gulf of Bothnia herring fishery

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

### Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The clients for the fishery are:

**Finland Fishermen's Association / Suomen  
Ammattikalastajaliitto R.Y.  
Jordaksentie 124  
FIN-07840  
Lindkoski  
Finland**

**Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers  
Organisation (SPFPO)  
Fiskebäcks Hamn 32  
SE- 426 58 Västra Frölunda  
Sweden**

#### The scope of this certification is applicable to:

##### Species:

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

##### Gear type(s):

Pelagic trawl, purse seine and fish trap

##### Geographical Area:

ICES Subdivisions 30-31

**Nigel Maud**

#### Global Head of Retail, Hospitality & Seafood

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## Units of Certification (UoC)

### UoC 1 & 2

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.	

### UoC 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)
Method of capture:	Pelagic trawl & Purse seine
Management System:	European Union
Client group:	Swedish Pelagic Federation PO

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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.

Vessels engaged in industrial fishing in the Baltic Sea are only permitted to land their catches at ports that have been designated by the national authorities. The national authorities have established catch sampling programmes at these ports to ensure that information is gathered about catch composition.

Ports of landing for herring and sprat catches above the threshold can be accessed here: <https://finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2021/20210460>

Country	Port
Danmark	Grenå
	Hanstholm
	Køge
	Neksø
	Rønne
	Skagen
	Thyborøn
Sverige	Nogersund
	Norrundet
	Oxelösund
	Simrishamn
	Västervik

### 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 can be found on the MSC website 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).