**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Melanogrammus aeglefinus

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Haddock

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

Genetic studies indicated a significant differentiation of Iceland Haddock stock (Giæver and Forthun, 1999; ICES, 2014c).

Since 2014, all Iceland landings of Haddock are within the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certificate scope (Daníelsson and Medley, 2014).

**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
A precautionary management plan was adopted in 2013. The estimated spawning stock (SSB) has slightly increased from last year, after a decreasing trend since 2008 and the 2014 year class is estimated to be strong. Harvest rates is below the target level. Discarding is illegal and has been minor since 2001 and bycatch of non-commercial species is minimal. Permanent and temporary area closures to protect vulnerable benthic ecosystems are in place. Since the 2013/2014 fishing season, set TAC has been following the harvest control rule and scientific advice. All Iceland landings of haddock are within the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and Iceland Responsible fisheries certificates scope.

**Weaknesses**
The stock is predicted to decrease over the next two years, due to poor recruitment in recent years. There is some uncertainty on the state of stock in assessment based on data input from surveys and in prediction of growth and therefore in the short and medium term forecasts. Sharks and skates are taken as bycatch but catch rates are incomplete and the status of stocks is unknown.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**

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**MSC**

- ISF Iceland haddock
- MSC Certified
- Atlantic cod and haddock longline, handline and Danish seine: Withdrawn

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**

Monitor the performance of the fishery and its management to ensure the fishery continues to be eligible for condition-free MSC re-certification.