



COOP Groups Common Nordic Fish and Seafood list for Sustainable fishing

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Coop Sverige, Coop Danmark, Coop Norge and SOK and Coop Trading (The Group) have committed to only source Fish and seafood from sustainable fishing.

In order to achieve this goal, the Group has developed a Common Fish list defining which fishing- and aquaculture methods are sustainable for sourced fish species. Our criteria for sustainable sourcing of fish and seafood rely on

- The WWF Fish guide where applicable (prefer, consider, avoid)
- MSC (Marine Stewardship Council)
- ASC (Aquacultural Stewardship Council)
- The IUCN Red List (critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable)
- ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation) for status of the tuna stocks
- Nordic national Fish institutes
- Recommendations from ICES (International Council for Exploration of the Sea)
- Recommendations from other recognized NGO's and research commissions

SCOPE, SPECIES AND CRITERIA

We include “fish and seafood products” such as fresh, frozen or canned food products as well as fish oil for food supplements, where fish is the main ingredient. This also applies to products sold from fish counters. Fish and seafood for composed products such as fish bouillons, fish sauces, fish crackers and pet food are not included in the product requirement.

The Common Nordic Fish and Seafood list covers the products in active assortment sourced by the Coop Group. It is a positive list, i.e. *a priory* only the listed fish and seafood with the mentioned fishing areas and fishing equipment are accepted as sources of fish and seafood for our Private label products. For clarity, a list of fish species banned by the Coop Group is included. The list of banned species is not exhaustive but contains the most commonly eaten fish species.

The sustainability of Species not listed in the Common Nordic Fish and Seafood list Part 1-3 can be separately evaluated by the Coop Groups CR Forum. The offered fish and seafood will always be accepted if it is either MSC certified or is marked green in the WWF fish guide from either Sweden, Norway, Finland or Denmark.

Farmed fish and seafood shall be certified by either Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) (certified farm), and Friend of the Sea (FOS), GLOBALGAP, KRAV or Naturland.

Aequipecten opercularis (Scallops, Queen Scallops)

Also known as *Chlamys opercularis*

The Scallop must come from sustainable fishing. MSC or ASC certified Scallops are preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Scallops or Scallops from following FAO areas using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear	
	Dredge	Sail and Oar
FAO 27 (27.7.a - Wales)	x	
FAO 27 (Cornwall - 27.7e, 7f, 7g, 7h) – fishing method is unclear		x

Clupea harengus (harengus) (Atlantic herring)

The herring must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified herring is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Atlantic herring or Atlantic herring from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear	
	Trawl	Purse seines (PS)
Subarea 27.1 (Barents Sea)	x	x
Subarea 27.2a (Norwegian Sea)	x	x
Subarea 27.4 (North Sea)	x	x

Subarea 27.5 (Iceland and Faroes Grounds)	x	x
FAO 21 (Northwest Atlantic – USA (NATO 5, NATO 6) & Canada (NATO 4T, NAFO 3K; NAFO 3L)		x

Clupea harengus (membras) (Baltic herring)

The herring must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified herring is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Baltic herring or Baltic herring from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear			
	Pelagic trawl (OTM/PTM)	Purse seines (PS)	Traps (FPO)	Gillnet and similar net
<u>ONLY</u> Autumn spawning herring Subarea: 27.3a (20-21) (Skagerrak & kattegat)	x	x		
Subarea: 27.3a (ICES 28, 30, 31) (East of Gotland or Gulf of Riga, Bothnian Sea & Bothnian Bay)	x	x	x	
Subarea: 27.3a (ICES 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32)	x	x	x	x
Subarea 27.4 (North Sea)	x	x		
Subarea 27.6 (Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland)	x			
Subarea 27.7 (Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, etc.)	x	x		

Cyclopterus lumpus (Lumpfish, Lump sucker)

The lumpfish must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified lumpfish is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC lumpfish or lumpfish from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

	Fishing gear
Catching area - FAO	Gillnet and similar net
Subarea 27.14 (East Greenland)	X

Gadus morhua (Atlantic cod)

The Atlantic cod must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Atlantic cod is preferred. For Coop SE MSC/KRAV certified Atlantic cod is required.

The Coop Group accepts MSC atlantic cod or atlantic cod from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

	Fishing gear				
Catching area - FAO	Trawl	Gillnets and similar nets	Longline (LLD)	Hand lines and pole line (LHP/LHHM)	Set (anchored) gillnets (GNS)/ Trammel nets (GTR)
Subarea 27.1 (Barents Sea)	X	X	X		
Subarea 27.2 (Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, and Bear Island)	X	X	X		
Subarea 27.3 (22-24) (West Baltic sea)					X

Subarea 27.5b.1 (Faroe Plateau)				x	
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Gadus/Theragra chalcogramma (Alaska pollock)

The Alaska Pollock must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Alaska Pollock is preferred. For Coop SE MSC certified Alaska Pollock is required for frozen whole fillets.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Alaska Pollock or Alaska Pollock from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

	Fishing gear
Catching area - FAO	Pelagic trawl (PTM/OTM)
Area 61, North West Pacific (Okhotsk Sea)	x
Area 61, North West Pacific (Eastern Bering Sea (east of 174E. Longitude))	x
Area 67, Northeast Pacific (Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands)	x
Area 67, Northeast Pacific (Gulf of Alaska)	x

Heterocarpus reedi (Prawns (cold water))

The prawn must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified prawn is required.

Katsuwonus pelamis (Tuna: Skipjack, Bonito)

Tuna products must stem from tuna caught by small fishing vessels or if caught by large fishing vessels only by vessels which are registered in PVR (ProActive Vessel Register). The supplier must hold a membership issued by the ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation). All deliveries of tuna shall be covered by a certificate issued by the Earth Island Institute: INTERNATIONAL "DOLPHIN SAFE" STANDARDS FOR TUNA."

The Tuna must come from sustainable fishing.

	Brand	
	Coop/Rainbow	Xtra
SOK	MSC preferred	MSC preferred
Coop DK	MSC preferred	MSC preferred
Coop SE	MSC required	MSC preferred
Coop NO	MSC required	MSC required

The Coop Group accepts Tuna from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area/Fishing gear:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear		
	Purse seine FAD (PS FAD)	Purse seine FAD-free (PS FAD-free)	Hand line. Pole line (LHP / LHM)
FAO 61 (Northwest Pacific)	x	x	x
FAO 71 (Western Central Pacific)	x	x	x
FAO 77 (Eastern Central Pacific)	x	x	x
FAO 81 (Southwest Pacific)	x	x	x
FAO 21 (Northwest Atlantic)			x

FAO 31 (Western Central Atlantic)			x
FAO 41 (Southwest Atlantic)			x
FAO 27 (Northeast Atlantic)			x
FAO 34 (Eastern Central Atlantic)			x
FAO 47 (Southeast Atlantic)			x
FAO 51 (Western Indian Ocean)	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	x
FAO 57 (Eastern Indian Ocean)	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	x

*Coop DK and SOK has accepted Indian Ocean as FAO area and with Purse seine as fishing gear as long as the tuna is from a SIOTI FIP (Indian Ocean, Fishery Improvement Project).

The FIP must be specified in the specification.

Limanda aspera (Pacific flounder - yellowfin sole)

The Pacific flounder must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Pacific flounder is required.

Litopenaeus vannamei (scampi, king or giant prawn)

The Vannamei shrimps must come from sustainable fishing. ASC certified Vannamei shrimps is preferred. For Coop NO ASC certified Vannamei shrimps is required.

The Coop Group accepts vannamei shrimps when holding one of the following certifications:

- ASC
- GAA BAP certification (4*)
- GAA BAP certification (2 and 3*)
- Global Gap certified
- Organic

or is farmed in the following locations:

- UK

Melanogrammus aeglefinus (Haddock)

The Haddock must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Haddock is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Haddock or Haddock from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear		
	Set longlines (LLS)	Set (anchored) gillnets (GNS)	Trawl
Subarea 27.1 (Barents Sea)	x	x	
Subarea 27.2 (Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, and Bear Island)	x	x	
Subarea 27.3a (Skagerrak/Kattegat)	x	x	
Subarea 27.4 (North Sea)	x	x	
Subarea 27.5a (Island grounds)	x	x	x
Subarea 27.6a (Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland or as the West of Scotland)	x	x	

Merluccius productus (Pacific hake)

The Pacific hake must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Pacific hake is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Pacific hake or Pacific hake from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

	Fishing gear			
Catching area - FAO	Pelagic trawl (OTM/PTM)	Gillnets and similar nets	Longline (LLD)	Hand lines and pole line (LHP/LHHM)
FAO 67	x			
FAO 27 (Northeast Atlantic)		x	x	x

Micromesistius australis (Southern blue whiting)

The Southern blue whiting must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Southern blue whiting is required.

Molva molva (Ling)

The Ling must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Ling is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Ling or Ling from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

	Fishing gear	
Catching area - FAO	Gillnets and similar nets	Longline (LLD)
FAO 27	x	x

Mytilus edulis (Blue mussel), Farmed/Wild

The Blue mussels must come from sustainable fishing. MSC or ASC certified Blue mussels is preferred. For Coop SE MSC certification is required for frozen mussels.

The Coop Group accepts MSC/ASC Blue mussels or Blue mussels from following FAO areas, using the defined farming and capture methods:

Farmed:

Area	Production method
Whole world	Suspended Rope Culture.

Wild:

Catching area – FAO	Fishing gear
FAO 27 – IIIa, IVa	Hand-gathering
FAO 27 - Limfjorden	Muslingeskrab (only accepted by DK)

Nephrops norvegicus (Norway lobster. Langoustine)

The langoustine (*Nephrops norvegicus*) must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified langoustine is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts langoustine from the following FAO areas using the following capture methods

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear	
	Pots (traps) (FPO)	Bottom otter trawls/ Bottom pair trawls (OTB/PTB)
Subarea 27.3a (20-21) (Skagerrak and Kattegat)	x	x
Subarea 27.4 (North Sea)	x	

Oncorhynchus gorbuscha (Pink salmon)

The Pink salmon must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Pink salmon is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Pink salmon or Pink salmon from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear			
	Purse seine (PS)	Set anchored gillnets (GNS)	Driftnets (GND)	Troll linse (LTL)
FAO 67 (Northeast Pacific)	x		x	x
FAO 61 (Northwest Pacific)		x	x	

Oncorhynchus mykiss (Rainbow trout), Farmed

The Rainbow trout must come from sustainable farming. ASC-certified Rainbow trout is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts ASC Rainbow trout or farmed Rainbow trout from following countries, using following production methods:

	Production method	
	Aquaculture (Salt water)	Aquaculture (Fresh water)
Europe	x	x

Pandalus borealis (Shrimp: North Sea)

The North Sea shrimp must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified North Sea shrimps is preferred

The Coop Group accepts MSC North Sea or North Sea shrimps from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear	
	Bottom otter trawl (OTB)	Pots (FPO)
Subarea 27.1 (Barents Sea)	x	
Subarea 27.2 (Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, and Bear Island)	x	
Subarea 27.5a (Iceland Grounds)	x	
FAO 21	x	
FAO 67 (Canada)		x

Pandalus jordani (Ocean Shrimp, Pink ocean shrimp)

The Pink ocean shrimp must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Pink ocean shrimps is required.

Pectinidae (Scallops)

Patinopecten yessoensis (Yesso Scallops), *Pecten maximus* (King Scallops), *Pecten jacobaeus* (Mediterranean Scallops)

The Scallops must come from sustainable fishing. MSC or ASC certified Scallops are preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC/ACS Scallops or Scallops from FAO areas using the following capture methods:

	Fishing gear
Catching area - FAO	Hand-gathering
Subarea 27.2a (Norwegian Sea)	x
Subarea 27.3a (Skagerrak and Kattegat)	x
Subarea 27.4a-b (Northern North Sea, Central North Sea)	x
Subarea 27.6a (West of Scotland)	x
Subarea 27.7a-h (Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, North and South Celtic Sea)	x
Subarea 27.8a-b (Bay of Biscay – North, Bay of Biscay – Central)	x

Penaeus monodon (Tiger prawn)

The Tiger prawns must come from sustainable fishing. ASC certified Tiger prawns are preferred. For Coop NO and Coop DK ASC certified Tiger prawn is required.

The Coop Group accepts ASC Tiger prawns or Tiger prawns from the following countries (farmed).

Farmed:

Production country	Aquaculture	Production method	
		Circulating Aquaculture	Zero-input Fish farms
Madagascar	x		
Vietnam			x
Indonesia			x
Bangladesh			x
India			x
Europe		x	
Ecuador	x		
Honduras	x		

Platichthys flesus (European flounder)

The Flounder must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Flounder are preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Flounder or Flounder from FAO areas using the following capture methods:

Catching area – FAO 27:	Fishing gear
Subarea: 27.3 (20-25, 27, 29-32) (Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, and Baltic Sea)	x

Other:

The trawl fishing of the European flounder in the Baltic Sea (FAO 27.3) has been MSC certified as of the 2021-2022 fishing season. Therefore we have accepted the use of NON-MSC certified trawl fished European flounder from the Baltic Sea (FAO 27.3) from the 2020-2021 fishing season.

Reasoning: In order for the fishery to be MSC-certified it has been sustainable and well managed over a longer period of time.

Pleuronectes platessa (European Plaice)

The Plaice must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Plaice is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Plaice or Plaice from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear		
	Beam trawl (TBB)	Bottom otter trawl (OTB)	Gillnets and similar nets
Subarea 27.3a (20-21) (Skagerrak and Kattegat)	x	x	
Subarea 27.4 (North Sea)	X	x	
Subarea 27.7d (English Channel East)	x	x	
Subarea 27.7a (Irish sea)		x	
Subarea 27.7e (English Channel West)		x	x
Subarea 27.7f, 27.7g (Celtic sea, Bristol Channel)	x	x	
Subarea 27.7e, 7f, 7g, 7h (Cornwall)	x	x	x

Pollachius virens (Coley, Saithe)

The Saithe must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Saithe is preferred. For Coop SE MSC certified Saithe is required.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Saithe or Saithe from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear					
	Bottom otter trawl (OTB)	Gillnets and similar nets	Danish seines (SDN)	Longline (LLD)	Pelagic trawl (OTM/PTM)	Purse seines (PS)
Subarea 27.1 (Barents Sea)			x			X
Subarea 27.2 (Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, and Bear Island)			x			x
Subarea 27.5a (Iceland Grounds)	x	x		x		
Subarea 27.5b (Faroe Plateau)					x	

Procambarus clarkii (Red Swamp Crawfish), Wild/Farmed

The Crawfish must come from sustainable fishing.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Crawfish or Crawfish from following countries, using the defined capture method:

Farmed:

Farming area: USA – capturing method not defined.

Wild:

	Fishing gear
Catching area	Pots (FPO)
Spain	x
France	x
China	x
Finland	x
Sweden	x
Egypt	x

Reinhardtius hippoglossoides (Greenland halibut)

The Halibut must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Halibut is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Halibut or Halibut from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear			
	Hand lines and pole lines (LHP/LHM)	Danish seines (SDN)	Longline (LLD)	Trawls
Subarea 27.5a (Iceland)	x	x	x	
Subarea 27.9 (Portuguese Waters)	x		x	x

Subarea 27.14a (North East Greenland)	x	x	x	
FAO 21 (NAFO 1A inshore)			x	
FAO 67 (Northeast Pacific)			x	x

Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon), Farmed

The Salmon must come from sustainable farming. ASC certified Salmon is preferred. Following certifications are also accepted: GlobalGap certification, GAA Bap certification (3*).

The Coop Group accepts farmed salmon with following productions and farming areas:

Production method: Open net pen, land based or in-sea closed pens.

Farming areas: Europe, Faroe Island, Iceland, Scotland, UK, Norway

Sardina pilchardus (Sardine, European pilchard)

The Sardina must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Sardina is preferred.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Sardina or Sardina from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area – FAO 27:	Fishing gear	
	Pelagic trawl (OTM/PTM)	Purse seines (PS)

FAO 34 (Marokko, Mauretaniën)	x	x
FAO 37 (Mediterranean Sea) North Alboran Sea (GSA 1)		x
FAO 37 (Mediterranean Sea) South Alboran Sea (GSA 3)		x
FAO 37 (Mediterranean Sea) North Adriatic Sea (GSA 17)		x
FAO 37 (Mediterranean Sea) Aegean Sea (GSA 22)		x
FAO 27 (North East Atlantic)		X

Scomber scombrus (Mackerel)

The Mackerel must come from sustainable fishing.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Mackerel or Mackerel from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area:	Fishing gear			
	Pelagic trawl (PTM)/(OTM)	Hand lines and pole lines (LHP/LHM)	Purse seines (PS)	Driftnets (GDN)/ Encircling gillnets (GNC)
FAO 27 (North East Atlantic)	x	x	x	x
FAO 21 (North West Atlantic)	x			

Other: The MSC certificates for mackerel fishing were withheld in the spring of 2019.

Sebastes Norvegicus (Deepwater Redfish)

The redfish must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified redfish is required.

Sprattus sprattus (Sprat)

The Sprat must come from sustainable fishing. MSC certified Sprat is preferred. For Coop SE MSC certified Sprat is required.

The Coop Group accepts MSC Sprat or Sprat from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area	Fishing gear	
	Pelagic trawl (PTM/OTM)	Purse seines (PS)
FAO 27 (North East Atlantic)	x	
FAO 37 (Mediterranean and Black Sea)		x

Thunnus albacares (Tuna: Yellowfin tuna)

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The Tuna must come from sustainable fishing.

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	Coop/Rainbow	Xtra
SOK	MSC preferred	MSC preferred
Coop DK	MSC preferred	MSC preferred
Coop SE	MSC required	MSC preferred
Coop NO	MSC required	MSC required

The Coop Group accepts Tuna from following FAO areas, using the defined capture methods:

Catching area/Fishing gear:

Catching area - FAO	Fishing gear			
	Purse seine FAD (PS FAD)	Purse seine FAD-free (PS FAD-free)	Purse seine (DOL)	Hand line/Pole line (LHP / LHM)
FAO 61 (Northwest Pacific)		x		x
FAO 71 (Western Central Pacific)	x (Philippines, Indonesia)	x		x (Philippines, Indonesia)
FAO 77 (Eastern Central Pacific)			x	x
FAO 81 (Southwest Pacific)		x	x	x
FAO 87 (Southeast Pacific)		x	x	
FAO 21 (Northwest Atlantic)				x
FAO 31 (Western Central Atlantic)				x
FAO 41 (Southwest Atlantic)				x

FAO 27 (Northeast Atlantic)				X
FAO 34 (Eastern Central Atlantic)				X
FAO 47 (Southeast Atlantic)				X
FAO 51 (Western Indian Ocean)	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	X
FAO 57 (Eastern Indian Ocean)	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	X (only from FIP's)*	X

*Coop DK and SOK has accepted Indian Ocean as FAO area and with Purse seine as fishing gear as long as the tuna is from a SIOTI FIP (Indian Ocean, Fishery Improvement Project).

The FIP must be specified in the specification.