



Co-op

The Co-op is a leading convenience retailer, with more than 2,500 stores across the UK – that's one in every postal area. As a member-owned cooperative it is guided by principles that include open membership and concern for community. Wild caught fish represent around two thirds of Co-op brand fish products.

2018

Number of Fisheries Used	Number of Fisheries Well Managed	Number of Fisheries Managed	Number of fisheries in need of improvement	Profile not yet complete
40	28	6	4	2

Fishing Methods Used in Associated Fisheries			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Midwater trawl▪ Bottom trawl▪ Dredge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Seine nets▪ Purse seine▪ Gillnets and entangling nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hook and line▪ Long line▪ Handlines and pole-lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pots and traps▪ Miscellaneous

Summary

Co-op Food has a public policy to carefully monitor and control its fish supplies, applying this policy to all fresh, frozen and processed fish across its own-brand range. Aiming to source all its seafood from well managed farms and fisheries, Co-op has been working with the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) to understand risks in its seafood supply chain since 2012, and became one of the first companies to participate in the Ocean Disclosure Project in 2015. Co-op is also a member of the Sustainable Seafood Coalition (SSC), a partnership of UK businesses working together to support sustainable seafood, and ensures that all seafood is sourced and labelled in accordance with the SSC Codes of Conduct. Co-op Food supports several fishery improvement projects (FIPs) and notably increased its range of MSC-certified products from 28 in 2015 to 54 in 2017.

Associated Fisheries



Fishery Name and Location	Fishing Methods	Certification or FIP	Stock Status and Management	Notes
<div></div> <div>Alaska pollock <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i></div> <div>Aleutian Islands, E Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska</div> <div>Fishery countries: U.S.</div>	<div> Midwater trawl</div>	Certified	Well managed	


Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species.

- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low and there are mitigation measures in place.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.


<div></div> <div>Alaska pollock <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i></div> <div>Sea of Okhotsk</div> <div>Fishery countries: Russia</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Midwater trawl</div>	Certified	Well managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

<div></div> <div>American lobster <i>Homarus americanus</i></div> <div>Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank</div> <div>Fishery countries: U.S.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pots and traps</div>	Certified	Well managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- There are potential risks to PET species with this fishery, but mitigation actions are underway.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

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Anchoveta <i>Engraulis ringens</i> Peruvian Northern-Central Fishery countries: Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purse seine 	Not certified or in a FIP	Managed	
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species but may impact food availability to PET species. The FIP aims to better understand the impacts of the fishery on PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low. However, anomalous environmental conditons observed since 2013 have been associated with an increased catch of non-target species.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed. The FIP aims to better understand the impacts of the fishery on habitats.

General Notes

- This fishery entered into two FIPs in January 2017, one for the [small scale purse-seine fishery](#) and one for the [industrial purse-seine fishery](#).
- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.



 Argentine anchovy <i>Engraulis anchoita</i> North of 41°S to Santa Catarina Fishery countries: Argentina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwater trawl 	Certified	Well managed	
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Environmental Notes

- Occasional interactions with seabirds and marine mammals are known to occur within this fishery, but data is too limited to state whether this hinders their recovery. An MSC condition is in place to provide evidence of effects on PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.


 Argentine hake <i>Merluccius hubbsi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottom trawl 	Certified	Well managed	
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Patagonian Fishery countries: Argentina				
Environmental Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are risks to sharks, skates and seabirds with this fishery. Bycatch for this fishery is a risk, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance. Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. However, management measures are in place. 				
General Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional notes 				
 Atlantic cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> Barents Sea Fishery countries: Russia, Norway, U.K.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottom trawl Seine nets Gillnets and entangling nets Hook and line Long line 	Certified	Well managed	
Environmental Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are risks to seabirds and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place. There is bycatch for this fishery but non-target species are retained. Management measures are in place to reduce impacts on retained species. The impact depends on the gear type. Bottom trawls and anchored gillnets will have the greatest impact on the sea bed. MSC conditions and recommendations are in place to strengthen understanding of fishery interactions with sensitive habitat. 				
General Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional notes. 				
 Atlantic cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> Icelandic Fishery countries: Iceland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwater trawl Bottom trawl Seine nets Gillnets and entangling nets Long line Handlines and pole-lines 	Certified	Well managed	
Environmental Notes				

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species.
- There is bycatch for this fishery but non-target species are retained. Management measures are in place to reduce impacts on retained species.
- The impact depends on the gear type. Bottom trawls will have the greatest impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

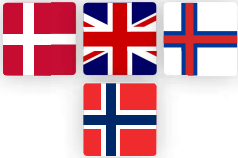
 <p>Atlantic cod <i>Gadus morhua</i></p> <p>Norwegian coastal</p> <p>Fishery countries: Norway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Midwater trawl ▪ Seine nets ▪ Gillnets and entangling nets ▪ Long line 	Certified	Well managed	✓
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species. An MSC condition is in place to review gear interactions with PET species and implement mitigation measures where needed.
- Bycatch is a risk in this fishery but there are mitigation measures in place. An MSC condition is in place to assess and manage potential impacts on bycatch species.
- The impact depends on the gear type. An MSC condition is in place to assess the impact of the fisheries on sensitive habitats.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

 <p>Atlantic mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i></p> <p>NE Atlantic</p> <p>Fishery countries: Denmark, U.K., Faroe Islands, Norway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Midwater trawl ▪ Purse seine 	Certified	Well managed	✓
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Environmental Notes

- There are risks to PET species with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- Bycatch in this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Blue mussel

Mytilus edulis

Limfjord

Fishery countries:

Denmark

▪ Dredge

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch in this fishery is considered low.
- Dredges will directly impact on the sea bed. An MSC condition is in place to assess the impact of mussel dredges on the sea floor.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Common edible cockle

Cerastoderma edule

Limfjord

Fishery countries:

Denmark

▪ Dredge

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Profile not yet complete.
- Dredges will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Edible crab

Cancer pagurus

Orkney

Fishery countries:

U.K.

▪ Pots and traps

FIP

Needs
improvement



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to sea turtles and marine mammals of entanglement in pot ropes with this fishery.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low. Non-target species are usually released alive.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

This fishery was in an FIP from 2012 to 2017. The Orkney edible crab creel fishery then entered into the full MSC assessment process in May 2017, it is anticipated that if the fishery meets the standard it will be certified in 2018.

Other ratings

The Marine Conservation Society categorises the Orkney fishery for edible crab using creels and pots as "Rating 3 (yellow)". This rating was downgraded from "Rating 2 (pale green)" in 2018.

Caveat

The stock status and management rating for this fishery is based on a provisional assessment and is not derived from the FishSource profile.

References

[MCS's Good Fish Guide – Crab, brown or edible, Orkney](#)



European anchovy
Engraulis encrasicolus
Bay of Biscay
Fishery countries:
Spain

- Purse seine

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.



European hake
Merluccius merluccius
NE Atlantic northern stock
Fishery countries:
U.K.

- Gillnets and entangling nets

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- There are risks to marine mammals, sharks, skates and rays with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



European pilchard
Sardina pilchardus

NW Africa central

Fishery countries:
Morocco

- Midwater trawl
- Purse seine

FIP

Managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to have direct impacts on PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.



European plaice
Pleuronectes platessa

Icelandic

Fishery countries:
Iceland

- Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to cause unacceptable impacts to PET species.
- There is bycatch for this fishery but management measures are in place to reduce impacts.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. But, the fishery is considered highly unlikely to irreparably reduce habitat structure and function.

General Notes

- This fishery was MSC certified in 2017 following an expedited assessment started in 2016.



European plaice

Pleuronectes platessa

North Sea and
Skagerrak

Fishery countries:

U.K.

- Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Profile not yet complete.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Haddock

*Melanogrammus
aeglefinus*

Barents Sea

Fishery countries:

Norway, Russia

- Bottom trawl
- Seine nets
- Gillnets and
entangling nets
- Hook and line
- Long line

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species, but available data is still limited.
- Bycatch varies for this fishery depending on gear type. Long lines and gillnets present the greatest risk.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



Haddock

*Melanogrammus
aeglefinus*

Icelandic

- Midwater trawl
- Bottom trawl
- Seine nets
- Gillnets and
entangling nets

Certified

Well managed





Fishery countries: Iceland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long line ▪ Handlines and pole-lines 			
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. Measures to protect vulnerable habitats such as cold water coral reefs are in place.

General Notes

- No additional notes.



 <p>Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i></p> <p>Northern shelf</p> <p>Fishery countries: U.K.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottom trawl 	Certified	Well managed	
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- There is bycatch for this fishery but management measures are in place to reduce impacts on retained species.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. But, the fishery is considered highly unlikely to irreparably reduce habitat structure and function.

General Notes

- As a mixed fishery, the effects of management measures on other species need to be considered within an ecosystem context.

 <p>Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i></p> <p>Atlantic Canada: SFAs 2–7, 9–10, 12–15</p> <p>Fishery countries: Canada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottom trawl 	Certified	Well managed	
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Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds with this fishery, but there is insufficient data available to assess significance.
- There is a lack of information on bycatch in this fishery.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- Profile not yet complete for all assessment units.



Northern prawn

Pandalus borealis

Western Greenland

Fishery countries:

Greenland

- Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.



Norway lobster

Nephrops norvegicus

South Minch, North Minch, Firth of Clyde

Fishery countries:

U.K.

- Bottom trawl

**Not certified or
in a FIP**

**Needs
improvement**



Environmental Notes

- This fishery may present a risk to sharks, skates and rays.
- Bycatch for this fishery includes whiting, haddock and Norway pout. Bycatch of cod is low and mitigation measures are in place to reduce impacts on cod.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed. However, management measures are in place.

General Notes

- This fishery is expected to enter into a FIP in 2018.



 <p>Pink salmon <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i></p> <p>Alaska</p> <p>Fishery countries: U.S.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purse seine ▪ Gillnets and entangling nets ▪ Long line 	Certified	Well managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- While encounters with marine mammals and birds have been documented in this fishery, the impact on PET species is not thought to be significant.
- There is no risk of bycatch for this fishery. Catches of other salmon species are accounted for in the pink salmon management.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.


General Notes

Caveat

The environmental notes for this fishery are based on information that is partly derived from sources other than the FishSource profile.

References

[Intertek Moody Marine, 2013, MSC Public Certification Report for Alaska Salmon Fishery.](#)

 <p>Pink salmon <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i></p> <p>Russia – Iturup Island Sakhalin</p> <p>Fishery countries: Russia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pots and traps 	Certified	Well managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low and non-target species are released alive.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.

General Notes

Caveat

The environmental notes for this fishery are based on a provisional assessment and are not derived from the FishSource profile.

References

[SCS Global Services, 2015, MSC Public Certification Report for Iturup Pink & Chum Salmon Fisheries](#)

				
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Queen scallop

*Aequipecten
opercularis*

Irish Sea and W of
Scotland

Fishery countries:
U.K.

- Dredge

Not certified or
in a FIP

Needs
improvement



Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Bycatch is a risk for this fishery.
- Dredges will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

Other ratings

The Marine Conservation Society categorises the Irish Sea dredge fishery for Queen scallop as "Rating 4 (orange)".

Caveat

The stock status and management rating for this fishery is based on a provisional assessment and is not derived from the FishSource profile.

References

[MCS's Good Fish Guide – Scallop, Queen, scallops, Irish Sea](#)



Red swamp crawfish

Procambarus clarkii

Chinese waters

Fishery countries:
China

- Pots and traps

FIP

Needs
improvement



Environmental Notes

- There is a lack of information on interactions with PET species in this fishery, but the introduced red swamp crawfish presents a risk to native crawfish species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is likely to be low.
- This fishery takes place in natural freshwater systems and rice fields and is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.

General Notes

As an introduced species, the impacts of the fishery on native species and ecosystems need to be considered.

Caveat

The stock status and management rating and environmental notes for this fishery are based on a provisional assessment and are not derived from the FishSource profile.

References


<div></div> <div>Skipjack tuna <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i></div> <div>Eastern Atlantic Ocean</div> <div>Fishery countries: Senegal</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Handlines and pole-lines	Not certified or in a FIP	Managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.


<div></div> <div>Skipjack tuna <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i></div> <div>Indian Ocean</div> <div>Fishery countries: Indonesia</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Handlines and pole-lines	FIP	Managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

<div></div> <div>Skipjack tuna <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i></div> <div>Western and Central Pacific Ocean</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Handlines and pole-lines	FIP	Managed	▼
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Fishery countries: Indonesia				
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.


 Skipjack tuna <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> Western Atlantic Ocean Fishery countries: Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Handlines and pole-lines	Not certified or in a FIP	Managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low. But, bycatch of undersized yellowfin tuna is a risk for the Brazilian fishery.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- No additional notes.

 Sockeye salmon <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> Alaska – Bristol Bay Fishery countries: U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gillnets and entangling nets	Certified	Well managed	▼
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Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- This fishery is unlikely to have a significant impact on the benthic habitat.

General Notes

Caveat

The environmental notes for this fishery are based on a provisional assessment and are not derived from the FishSource profile.

References

[Intertek Moody Marine, 2013, MSC Public Certification Report for the Alaska Salmon Fishery.](#)

<div></div> <div>Speckled shrimp <i>Metapenaeus monoceros</i></div> <div>Indonesia</div> <div>Fishery countries: Indonesia</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bottom trawl	Not certified or in a FIP	Profile not yet complete	▼
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Environmental Notes

- Profile not yet complete.
- Profile not yet complete.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

- This fishery is expected to enter into a FIP in 2018.

<div></div> <div>Wellington flying squid <i>Nototodarus sloanii</i></div> <div>NZ Southern Islands</div> <div>Fishery countries: New Zealand</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Midwater trawl	FIP	Profile not yet complete	▼
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Environmental Notes

- There are risks to seabirds and marine mammals with this fishery, but there are mitigation measures in place.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Midwater trawls may have an occasional but cumulative impact.

General Notes

- This fish plays an important role in the marine food web and so potential impacts on the wider marine ecosystem must be monitored.

References

[Deepwater Group, Auckland Islands Squid Fishery \(SQU6T\).](#)

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Yellowfin sole

Limanda aspera

Bering Sea and
Aleutian Islands

Fishery countries:
U.S.

Bottom trawl

Certified

Well managed



Environmental Notes

- This fishery is unlikely to impact PET species.
- Bycatch for this fishery is considered low.
- Bottom trawls will directly impact on the sea bed.

General Notes

Caveat

The environmental notes for this fishery are based on a provisional assessment and are not derived from the FishSource profile.

References

[MRAG Americas, 2015, MSC Public Certification Report for Bering Sea- Aleutian Islands Alaska Flatfish Fishery.](#)



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