

Spanish, French, And Korean Fisheries Get MSC Certified

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The Spanish North Atlantic albacore fishery scope extension to add vessels of the French association OP Pecheurs D'Aquitaine received MSC certification. Korean Dae Hae yellowfin, bigeye, and albacore longline fishery also got the blue tick for its catches for five years.

The Spanish fishery with vessels belonging to the organizations OPEGUI, OPESCAAYA, OPACAN, and OPASTURIAS was first certified in 2016 and it went for a scope extension assessment in 2023. In total, there are 180 Spanish and 51 French pole-and-liners and trollers fishing in the Bay of Biscay in this evaluation.

Their catches are landed in ports of both countries. The fishery received a score of above 80 for all three principles – target species, ecosystem impacts, and management system – for all Units of Assessments (UoAs) by the CAB, Bureau Veritas.

The ICCAT established a Total Allowable Catch limit of 37,801 tons for albacore in 2022-2023 out of which 28,652 tons was allotted to EU vessels. The CAB did not give the total catch numbers of all the vessels in the above-mentioned fishery.

The Korean Dae Hae Pacific yellowfin, bigeye, and albacore longline fishery has been MSC certified, according to assessment body LRQA in the Public Certification Report (PCR) published this week. All the eight UoAs received scores of above 80 for the three principles. The eight vessels operating in the certification are flagged to Korea and fish in the IATTC and WCPFC convention areas. The [Public Comment Draft Report](#) was published in June.