

Nongovernmental fisheries certification systems

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Who we are

Leading, international provider of delicious and sustainable seafood

Strong seafood heritage Founded in 1937 on Bornholm, Denmark

Turnover: EUR 300 mio.

Production volume: 57,000 tons

Owned by Family Foundation Long term focus Charity



6 factories

4 business areas:

Chilled

Frozen

Food service

B₂B

MIGROS



Lithuania: Klaipeda (production)

Russia: Novgorod (production)

UK (office)

TESCO













Denmark: Roenne (office), Hasle

Poland: Koszalin (production)

Copenhagen (office)

(production), Fredericia (production),





France: Boulogne-sur-Mer (office)

Hong Kong (office)

Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City (production)



Espersen in Veliki Novgorod

Started in 2013

Sales: 2014: 500 tons

2017: > 3.000 tons (est.)

Raw material: All Filet blocks are MSC Certified &

supplied by Russian fishing companies.

Raw material: 70% MSC and 30% non MSC.

Production: 75% for Russia – 25% for Export to EU.

Milestone: 100% MSC raw materials used to produce

X5 Retail Group (Perekrestok) premium

fish products label "Noviy Okean" produced

by Espersen (2017).





MSC Suppliers of Espersen Russia and Espersen Group







Short - medium term challenges

Building a sustainable business on sustainability principles is a challenge in Russia

Weak perception of raw material and food quality in general

'Spoiled' market perception of value added products vs H&G

Consumer expectation: Quality and sustainability

Increase volumes of Russian produced value added products to the Russian consumer

Transport and logistic challenges from far east to European Russia: cold chain, MSC certified warehouses (chain of custody), EU certified warehouses (export)







THE FUTURE ??

















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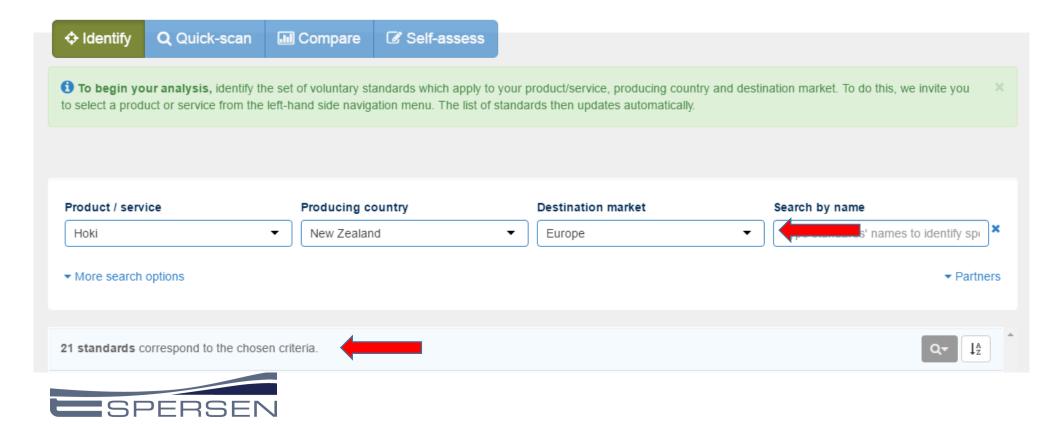
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Welcome to Standards Map

Standards Map provides information on over 210 standards, codes of conduct, audit protocols addressing sustainability hotspots in global supply chains.



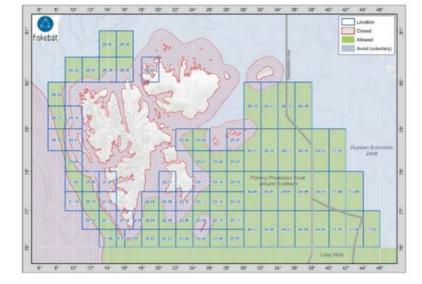
THE CHALLENGES FOR THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

WHAT TO DO ABOUT?

Problems with overfishing, use of bottom trawling, selectivity, climate change etc.?

Ethics, social responsibility, forced labour?

What about cost?



Outcome: Existing Fishing areas defined!

















Sainsbury's





Morrisons









Goal 13: Climate action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Goal 14: Life below water

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources



The world is becoming too fast, too complex and too networked for any company to have all the answers inside.

Yochai Benkler The Wealth of Networks

Thank you!

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