



**Nominated Purse Seine Vessels
Portuguese Sardine Purse Seine Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

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The client has confirmed the following criteria for vessels that will be nominated as part of the Unit of Certification.

Nominated vessels will:

1. Have a coastal vessel licence (i.e. be > 9 m LoA, operate within Portuguese continental waters and land at any Portuguese port);
2. Possess a valid licence for purse seining;
3. Belong to a Producer Organisation; and
4. Have an 80 % dependency (by weight) on pelagic species as a proportion of annual vessel landings.

The adoption of these criteria will permit almost the entire coastal purse seine fleet to form part of the Unit of Certification. Excluded will be some small coastal vessels (demersal seiners) and the few purse seiners that are not associated with a Producer's Organisation.

Moody Marine would welcome comment on the criteria.

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