

## Terms of use; bespoke Risk Assessment for Sourcing Seafood (RASS) profiles

### Introduction

These terms of use cover profiles of stocks and fisheries prepared for stakeholders using the [RASS scoring guidance](#). It is not expected that all responses to enquiries will require a full assessment under this guidance. The appropriate approach will be discussed with the client. Whilst scoring and text will be discussed with clients, the final scores and text will be decided by Seafish.

Scores should not be used in isolation to decide on a purchase of seafood from a fishery. Profiles are designed to:

- Enable the main features of a fishery to be examined within a structured format
- Inform buyers of questions they might ask about a fishery and where improvements could be made to improve sustainability

### Information sources

The information used in the RASS profiles is based on publicly available data and information from scientific advice on stocks, published reports and scientific papers. Key documents will be cited and/or linked from the advice for further reference.

### Eligibility

We are prepared to produce profiles based on the RASS scoring guidelines for levy payers or seafood businesses that supply seafood to the UK seafood market. This also includes trade associations that represent the interests of seafood businesses, and government. Consultants on temporary contract with seafood business need to provide supportive evidence to that effect from the seafood business. We reserve the right not to produce profiles should it be beyond the staff resource available at Seafish.

### Availability

RASS profiles will be expected to be published on the Seafish website in the form of pdf files, and it is expected that seafood business will be able to link to these files for the purpose of informing their customers or others. The client's name will not be mentioned on the advice, as advice is given under conditions of anonymity. Seafish will not provide endorsement or promotion of product based on the information in this profile.

### Updating

The profile will remain on the Seafish website until it is considered to be out of date. At this point Seafish will contact the client with a view to either removing or updating the profile within a specified timescale. We would also expect to update the RASS scoring guidelines from time to time as advances in science and data become available and will use the most recent version of the RASS scoring guidelines available.

### Terms of use

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