



MSC and the CFP

certification as a driver for sustainability
challenges and opportunities

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Revised MSC Standard: 3.0 (2022)



New requirements to better protect **marine biodiversity**

Toolboxes: **Evidence Requirements Framework**, Risk Based Framework

Version 3.1 (July 2024):

Better guidance, clarification of terminology, alignment between requirements and guidance

Habitats



**New definitions
to classify
habitats based
on ability to
recover**

**'Move on' rules
no longer
minimum
requirement for
certification**

**New tool to
quantify
impacts on
benthic
habitats**

**MSC enables delivering on CFP
habitat protection objectives**

Endangered, threatened and protected (ETP) species



New ETP
species
designation
requirements

Stricter
requirements to
minimise mortality
and enable
population
recovery

Clarification of
ETP scoring

**MSC enables delivering on CFP ETP species
protection objectives**



Evidence requirements framework

New method for
systematic
evaluation of
information
accuracy

Increase
confidence in the
assessment of a
fishery's impact
and compliance

Requirement for
independent
observation of catches

**Evidence Requirements Framework
helps with CFP compliance evidence**

Why all this effort?

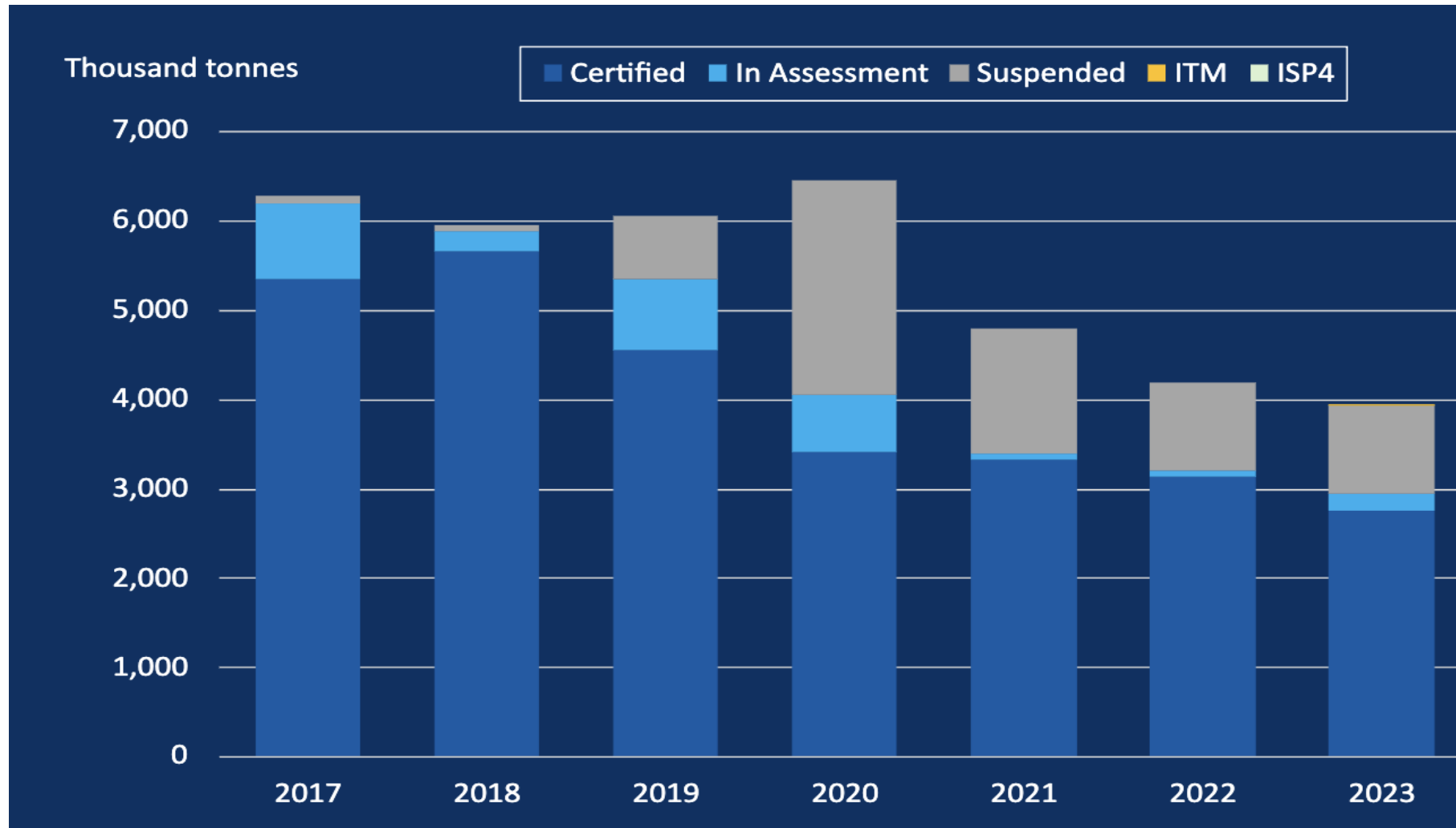


What about the CFP?

- **Effective management** = key requirement of MSC certification. CFP puts fisheries a step closer to achieving MSC certification.
- MSC's requirements also go **beyond** those of the EU Common Fisheries Policy in areas including **bycatch mitigation** and **habitat protection**.



Volume MSC engaged fisheries in North Europe

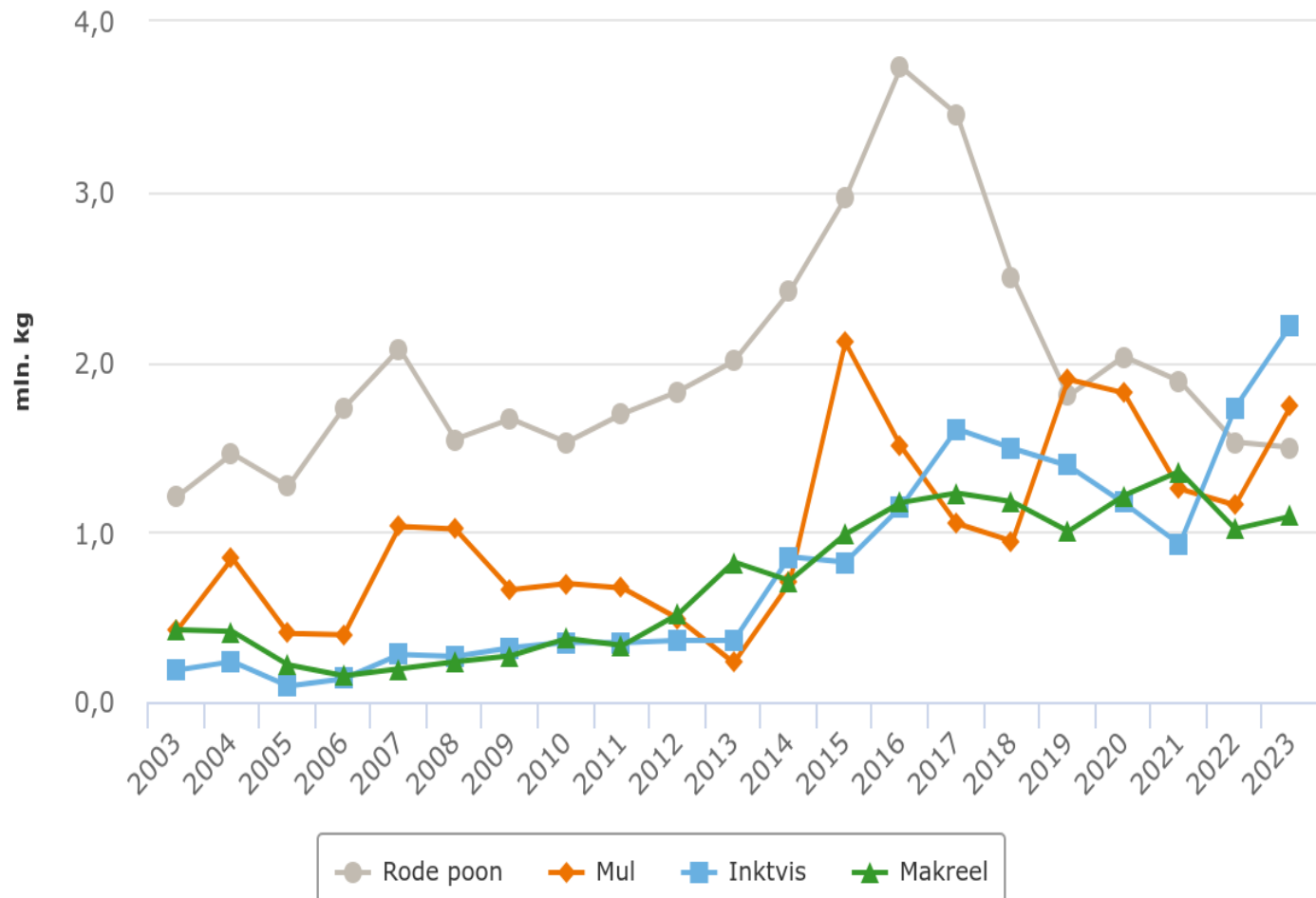


Dutch landings of tub gurnard, red mullet, squid



Aanvoer poon, mul, inktvis en makreel (levend gewicht)

Kottersector



Bron: VIRIS/Bedrijveninformatienet



New fisheries need management!

EU revised Control Regulation



Enhancing

efforts to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

MSC: Evidence Requirements Framework

Implementing

digital technology and modern data management to monitor fishing activities – from the net to the plate.

Requiring

vessel tracking systems (VMS) to track all fishing vessels and mandating electronic recording of all catches.

Other EU legislation

MSC (and ASC) certification can help!

- Sustainability reporting
- Green claims



Sustainability reporting



The Corporate Sustainability **Reporting** Directive (CSRD)

- Aim: to provide investors, consumers, and policymakers with a clear understanding of a firm's **environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance**.

The EU Corporate Sustainability **Due Diligence** Directive (CSDDD)

- Aim: to **prevent**, end or **mitigate** adverse impact of (large) companies on **human rights** and the **environment**
- impact includes slavery, child labour, labour exploitation, **biodiversity loss**, pollution or destruction of natural heritage

MSC and the CFP:



- ✓ Certification can help strengthen regulatory requirements of the CFP and the CMO reg.
- ✓ Certification can help implement biodiversity objectives
- ✓ Certification can help to deliver against requirements of further EU laws.

