



SUSTAINABILITY OF KRILL

Ensuring a low impact on the Antarctic ecosystem



CCAMLR

Biomass in good condition

The krill fishery in Antarctica is managed and regulated by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). Currently, the annual krill catch is < 1% of the unexploited krill biomass, which is estimated to be 62.6 million tonnes in the commercial fishing region, Area 48. This is below the precautionary catch limit of 5.6 million tonnes set by CCAMLR. The management of the fishery is very stable, as the consensus of 28 nations is needed to change any of the fishery regulations in the Antarctic.



The first MSC certified krill supplier

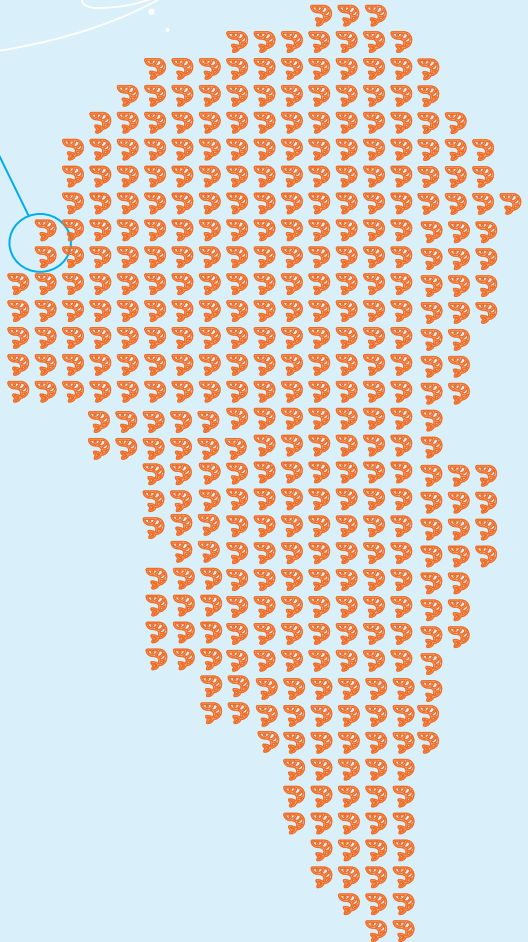
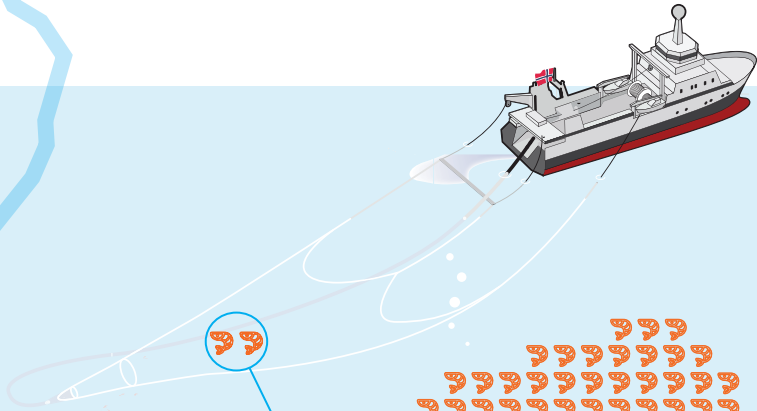
Aker BioMarine was the first krill supplier to get MSC certification due to the high standard fishing operations and sustainable practices.. MSC is the highest renowned sustainability certification available. It scored highest in a comparison of wild-capture fisheries certification schemes initiated by WWF, independently carried out by Accenture.



Only reduction fishery to receive an “A” rating

For the fifth year in a row, the Antarctic krill fishery is the only reduction fishery in the world to receive an “A” rating. The report “Sustainability overview” of reduction fisheries is published by an independent third party. The Sustainable Fisheries Partnership is using publicly available data available on fishsource.com.

Krill Fishery



Total annual catch
< 1% of the biomass

Krill Biomass in Area 48
62.6 million tonnes



Strong partnerships to ensure sustainable fishing



10 year partnership with WWF

Even before deploying our first fishing net, Aker BioMarine began a dialogue with WWF Norway to ensure this fishery could be commercialized without compromising the ecosystem in the Antarctic. Every step of the way, we have received feedback from Environmental NGO's on concerns regarding the fishery and responded with necessary actions.



Initiating industry collaboration on responsibility

In 2010 Aker BioMarine initiated the Association of Responsible Krill Harvesting Companies (ARK) to help lift the standard for responsibility for the entire industry. ARK now has six member companies and has experienced strong growth in 2016.



Promoting research on the Antarctic Ecosystem

Ongoing research is essential for effective Antarctic Krill fishery management. Thus, Aker BioMarine partnered with the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) and WWF-Norway in 2015 to establish a new research fund. Research on the ecosystem in which we fish is essential to our business, our customers, the scientific community and environmental-protection organizations. This initiative also provides a platform for dialogue among key stakeholders.

We offer the following sustainability labels



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