**Yesso scallop**
**Mizuhopecten yessoensis**

**Stock status:** Yesso scallop stocks are at a fraction of historical levels, with current stock levels well below those needed to support commercial fisheries, except in limited areas in the northern Sea of Japan

**Gear types:** dive gear

**Russia catch volume:** averaged 3,450 metric tons from 2005 to 2014

**Region:** Sea of Japan, Eastern Sakhalin, and Kuril Islands

**Markets:** Europe, North America, Japan, Korea, and China

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**Key Sustainability Issues:**

Yesso scallop stocks are greatly reduced due to past overfishing and illegal fishing activities. Remaining commercial fisheries are limited to dive gear and have relatively small total allowable catches (TACs). Primary and secondary species need to be clearly identified, and data on habitat impacts of fishing gear are also lacking. Monitoring and compliance of regulations need to be improved.

**Certification Ready?**
Not a good candidate for MSC due to poor stock status.