

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

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| Name of Fishery | Germany Lower Saxony mussel dredge and mussel culture fishery (certified on 5 th December 2014 / MEP-F-028) | |
| Surveillance level and type | Surveillance level 2, On-site surveillance | |
| Surveillance number (tick one) | 1st Surveillance | |
| | 2nd Surveillance | X |
| | 3rd Surveillance | |
| | 4th Surveillance | |
| | Other (expedited etc) | |
| Proposed Team Leader | <p>Kat Collinson</p> <p>Kat Collinson has a Master's degree from King's College University in Aquatic Resource Management. She has worked on a number of MSC pre- and full assessments including North Menai Strait mussel fishery, Vietnam Ben Tre clam hand gathered fishery and Walkers Seafood Pty Ltd Australian albacore and yellowfin tuna and swordfish longline fishery. Kat also been involved fishery improvements projects (FIPs) and has recently been involved in a project studying the habitat use and niche partitioning in two species of juvenile shark using active and passive tracking and diet stable isotope analysis.</p> <p>Up until recently Kat has also been the Manager of MSC Chain of Custody (CoC) projects at MEC and has undertaken over 150 assessments and therefore will also act as the team's expert on the traceability for the fishery.</p> | |
| Proposed team members | <p>Ulf Löwenberg</p> <p>Ulf Löwenberg has a Master's degree from the University of Hamburg in Fisheries Science. He is a fisheries biologist with more than 30 years' experience in the fisheries sector. This has included more than 15 years' experience in fisheries and advisory projects, including extensive work in Africa and 8 years' project management. Ulf has been involved in a number of MSC pre-assessments, full assessments and surveillance audits based in Europe. These include Swedish Skagerrak and Kattegat herring fishery, North Sea Saithe Trawl fishery and Western Baltic Spring Spawning Herring fishery.</p> <p>Ulf is now a freelance fisheries consultant and has worked for private and governmental clients on a number of projects in Europe and Africa. A recent project based in Mauritania, which Ulf was responsible for, was titled 'Management advice in the fisheries sector'. This included support to the Fisheries Ministry in relation to development and implementation of fisheries management plans.</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor. She is the MSC fisheries coordinator at MEP and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessment and sustainable fisheries. She is a fully qualified MSC Team Member with particular expertise in Principle 2 and is involved in MSC full assessments, pre-assessments and fishery surveillance</p> | |

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| | <p>audits. Chrissie participates regularly in MSC CAB training sessions and workshops and has received in-depth Risk-Based Framework training. Within MEP she also works as a Chain of Custody auditor. Chrissie has longstanding experience of this fishery having been involved with previous surveillance audits.</p> <p>All team members are fluent in English and Ulf is fluent in German.</p> <p>Full CVs for each team member have been submitted to the MSC separately.</p> |
| Audit/review time and location | <p>The site visit is scheduled to take place in Hooksiel, Germany on the 12-15th October 2015. MEC welcomes anyone who would like to participate. It is proposed that Ulf Löwenberg, Kat Collinson and Chrissie Sieben attend the site visit.</p> |
| Assessment/ review activities | <p>During the audit, MEC will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel. • Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments. • Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification to deem conformity with, progress and performance against a condition. • Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products • Any other significant changes in the fishery |

ME-Certification Ltd. (MEC) hereby announces the commencement of the 2nd year surveillance for the above fishery.

The site visit is scheduled to take place in Hooksiel, Germany on the 12-15th October 2015.

The surveillance audit will examine whether Germany Lower Saxony mussel dredge and mussel culture fishery is satisfactorily addressing any certification conditions and whether any significant changes have occurred either in the physical environment or in the management of the fishery.

All interested stakeholders should contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Kat Collinson (kat.collinson@macallister-elliott.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

Submitted by: Gavin Fitzgerald, MSC Fisheries Officer

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