



**Surveillance Report**  
**SOUTH GEORGIA PATAGONIAN TOOTHFISH LONGLINE**  
**FISHERY**

Certificate No.: MML-F-003

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

**Scope against which the surveillance is undertaken:** MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing as applied to the South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish Longline Fishery

**Species:** Patagonian toothfish *Dissostichus eleginoides*

**Area:** The fishery is located around the island of South Georgia and the associated plateau to the west around Shag Rocks, within the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI) 200nm Maritime Zone.

**Method of capture:** Bottom Set Longline

<b>Date of Surveillance Visit:</b>	<b>26 Sept 2010</b>			
<b>Initial Certification</b>	<b>Date: 17 Sept 2009</b>		<b>Certificate Ref: MML – F - 003</b>	
<b>Surveillance stage</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
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## 2.0 RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report contains the findings of the first surveillance cycle in relation to this fishery.

The fishery did not receive conditions or recommendations at reassessment in 2009. The client remains committed to improving all aspects of the fishery in a letter that was appended to the final certification report. This surveillance report is to ensure that the stock status has not changed detrimentally and that the fishery management has remained effective and appropriate.

Information regarding this years audit has been collected from meeting with the client in Cambridge, UK, at the annual industry and science meeting, and various other sources of information as listed at the end of this report.

Item	Comments
1	Stock status
Observations	The estimate of the stock status in 2009 is similar to the last assessment in 2007, and is considered to be around 60% of the unexploited SSB. This is well above the target status (50% unexploited SSB) and therefore the stock has not yet reached full exploitation and is regarded as being in good condition. The estimate of stock status is based on the results taken from what the assessment scientists consider to be an improved model on that used in 2007. Although some uncertainties in the assessment remain to be addressed, it appears unlikely there will be any unexpected change in stock status as new data and/or methods come available. Therefore the management appears to be performing well. The catch exceeded the catch limit by a small amount in 2008 (Management Area B: overrun of 7 tonnes, total catch was 101% of the limit). The pattern of scientific advice, TAC and landings are displayed below

Item	Comments
<b>2</b>	<b>Condition of Certification and recommendations</b>
<b>Activity assessed</b>	The fishery passed main assessment without the need for conditions
<b>Action Plan</b>	n/a
<b>Observations</b>	n/a
<b>Conclusion</b>	n/a

<b>3</b>	<b>Any complaints against the certified operation; recorded, reviewed and actioned</b>
	None. MML, MSC and GSGSSI have not received complaints

<b>4</b>	<b>Any relevant changes to legislation or regulation.</b>
	<p>Legislation; no change</p> <p>A slight change to the regulation of the fishery. The minimum depth where fishing is allowed to take place has increased from 500 to 550m. VMS tracking has been used to ensure compliance. This is a minor change and does not affect the fishery certification</p>

<b>5</b>	<b>Any relevant changes to management regime.</b>
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	<p>No significant change.</p> <p>The number of SGSSI Government Officers at King Edwards Point, South Georgia has increased from 2 to 3.</p> <p>CCAMLR allowed the SGTF fishing season to open slightly earlier in the 2010 season.</p> <p>Two administrative penalties against fishing vessels have occurred in the 2010 season resulting from interaction with seabirds and control of hooks. These are examples of effective monitoring, reporting processes and appropriate management responses.</p>
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<b>6</b>	<p><b>Client group</b></p> <p>The GSGSSI are the client for the South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish longline fishery. GSGSSI issue fishing licences on an annual basis to allow fishing for that annual campaign.</p> <p>The following fishing vessels were licensed for the 2009 campaign:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Company</th><th>Vessel name</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Argos Georgia Ltd</td><td>Argos Georgia, Argos Helena, Argos Froyanes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tofisco Ltd</td><td>Koryo Maru 11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sanford Ltd</td><td>San Aspiring</td></tr> <tr> <td>Beauchene Fishing Co</td><td>Viking Bay</td></tr> <tr> <td>Antarctic Sea Fisheries</td><td>Antarctic Bay</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quark Fishing Ltd</td><td>Jacqueline</td></tr> <tr> <td>Georgia Seafoods Ltd</td><td>Tronio</td></tr> <tr> <td>Insung corp</td><td>Insung 22</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pioneer</td><td>Ross Star</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The 2010 campaign</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Company</th><th>Vessel name</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Argos Georgia Ltd</td><td>Argos Georgia, Argos Froyanes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tofisco Ltd</td><td>Koryo Maru 11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sanford Ltd</td><td>San Aspiring</td></tr> <tr> <td>Beauchene Fishing Co</td><td>Viking Bay</td></tr> <tr> <td>Antarctic Sea Fisheries</td><td>Antarctic Bay</td></tr> <tr> <td>Quark Fishing Ltd</td><td>Jacqueline</td></tr> <tr> <td>Georgia Seafoods Ltd</td><td>Tronio</td></tr> <tr> <td>Concordia</td><td>Isla Alegranza</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Company	Vessel name	Argos Georgia Ltd	Argos Georgia, Argos Helena, Argos Froyanes	Tofisco Ltd	Koryo Maru 11	Sanford Ltd	San Aspiring	Beauchene Fishing Co	Viking Bay	Antarctic Sea Fisheries	Antarctic Bay	Quark Fishing Ltd	Jacqueline	Georgia Seafoods Ltd	Tronio	Insung corp	Insung 22	Pioneer	Ross Star	Company	Vessel name	Argos Georgia Ltd	Argos Georgia, Argos Froyanes	Tofisco Ltd	Koryo Maru 11	Sanford Ltd	San Aspiring	Beauchene Fishing Co	Viking Bay	Antarctic Sea Fisheries	Antarctic Bay	Quark Fishing Ltd	Jacqueline	Georgia Seafoods Ltd	Tronio	Concordia	Isla Alegranza
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<b>7</b>	<p><b>Overall Conclusions</b></p> <p>The client remains fully committed to the MSC certification for this fishery with ongoing science to underpin an effective fishery management system.</p> <p>No changes in management have taken place that would detrimentally affect the performance of this fishery against the MSC standard and the fishery continues to meet the requirements of the MSC Standard.</p> <p>MSC Certification should therefore continue with audits annually.</p>
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#### Information Sources:

##### Meetings

26 Sept 2010. M. Collins & J Brown, GSGSSI, J Pearce, MRAG  
 27 Sept 2010. GSGSSI Science and industry annual meeting

##### Reports etc

CCAMLR (2009a) Report of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (Hobart, Australia, 12 to 23 October

2009). Annex 5 of the Report of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources held in Hobart, Australia, from 26 to 30 October 2009. SC-CAMLR-XXVIII.

CCAMLR (2009b) Fishery Report: *Dissostichus eleginoides* South Georgia (Subarea 48.3). Appendix L of the Report of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (Hobart, Australia, 12 to 23 October 2009). Annex 5 of the Report of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources held in Hobart, Australia, from 26 to 30 October 2009. SC-CAMLR-XXVIII.

**Standards and Guidelines used:**

1. MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing
2. MSC Fishery Certification Methodology Version 6. September 2006
3. TAB Directives - all