

Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	ACTEMSA-LEAL SANTOS POLE AND LINE WEST ATLANTIC SKIPJACK FISHERY
Assessment number	Initial assessment
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	No
Statement that the fishery is within scope	<p>The Unit of Assessment is comprised by six pole and liners targeting the Skipjack tuna stock in the Western Atlantic (FAO 41). These six vessels belong to Industrias Leal Santos based in Brasil.</p> <p>The Western Atlantic Skipjack tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>) is assessed by ICCAT as a unit for the Atlantic Ocean.</p> <p>Bureau Veritas Certification confirms that this fishery is eligible for certification as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is a non-enhanced wild-capture fishery - The fishery is not based on any introduced species - There are no catches of non-target species that are inseparable or practically inseparable (IPI) from target stock - It does not target species classified as 'out-of-scope' (amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals) - It does not make use of any kind of destructive practices - The tuna fisheries in the Atlantic are regulated by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), of which Brasil has been a Contracting Party since 1969. The evaluated fishery takes place both in international waters and in the EEZs (Southeast) of Brasil. Therefore, the fishery is not conducted under any controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement and its management regime includes mechanisms for resolving disputes - Brasil has been a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 1919. The country has ratified 96 Conventions, of which 80 are in force, including the 7 core Conventions and the 3 governance Conventions. The CAB is not aware that none of the fishing operators included in the UoA have been prosecuted for forced labour in the last 2 years. <p>Besides, Bureau Veritas has checked that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although there are no MSC-certified fisheries targeting the same stock, the assessed fishery is managed by ICCAT, and therefore some aspects of P3 will require harmonization with other certified ICCAT fisheries, in application of RFC 7.4.16. - In 2017 Bureau Veritas Iberia performed an updated of a pre-assessment done in 2012 of the fishery. In accordance with FCR 7.8.8 Bureau Veritas will give MSC a copy of the pre-assessment report (in Spanish). There are no other pre-assessment reports written by other parties. - The fishery has not previously failed an assessment and has no certificate withdrawn
Certificate sharing statement	There are no other eligible fishers so no certificate sharing is necessary.



Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	It is expected that this assessment will take at least 8 months. The expected dates for the publication of the key reports are presented below:																																																																							
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The eligibility date will be the date of the publication of the PCR. Following FCR 7.8.3.2 a separate timeline is attached to the present Announcement.																																																																								
Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>The proposed team leader is José Ríos, BV fisheries assessor. He will be responsible for coordinating the assessment team and for the completion of the assessment in accordance with the MSC Requirements.</p> <p>In accordance to MSC FCR 7.8.3.4 Bureau Veritas Iberia has analysed Jose Rios's experience (see professional Bio) to determine that:</p> <p>(i) The Team Leader meets the qualification and competency criteria established in MSC PC1</p>																																																																							
Name(s) of proposed assessors	<p>The assessment team consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Carola Kirchner- Rochelle Cruz.- José Ríos <p>In accordance to MSC FCR 7.8.3.4 Bureau Veritas Iberia has analyzed the experience of each team member (see professional Bios in Appendix 1) to determine that:</p> <p>(i) The team has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment</p> <p>(ii) Each team member meets the qualification and competency criteria established in PC2</p> <p>(iii) The fishery team (as a whole) meets the qualifications and competency criteria established in PC3</p>																																																																							
Assessment tree to be used	The default assessment tree (Annex SA) contained in MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements version 2.0 (issued on the 1 st October 2014) will be used for this assessment.																																																																							
Site visit	<p>The site visit is planned between the 27 and 29th of August 2018 in Rio Grande and Brasilia (Brasil). Additional calls could be organized during those days to complement personal interviews.</p> <p>Those stakeholders interested in schedule a meeting please proceed as stated at the end of this document.</p>																																																																							
Tree modifications & stakeholder consultation	Not applicable																																																																							

Bureau Veritas Iberia is pleased to announce that the **LEAL SANTOS POLE AND LINE SKIPJACK FISHERY** has entered a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) full assessment process.

According to the MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements, a site visit to Rio Grande and Brasilia (Brasil), will be undertaken between the 27th and 29th of August 2018. During this visit relevant information will be collected and assessed, and meetings with different stakeholders (fishers' representatives, managers, scientists, and NGOs) will be held.

Bureau Veritas Iberia encourages that stakeholders interested in schedule a meeting provide the following details:

- a) Your name and contact details
- b) Your relation with the fishery
- c) Issues you would like to discuss
- d) Where and when are you available for a meeting

In order to make the necessary adjustments on the scheduled agenda of the assessment team, this information should be sent before **11th August 2018** to the contact details provided below. Written information can also be provided to the assessment team as an alternative, or in addition, to a meeting.

Besides, throughout the entire assessment process Bureau Veritas Iberia encourage stakeholders to provide any information they might consider relevant in relation to the status of the target fish stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices. MSC Guide and a Template for stakeholder inputs can be downloaded at the following links:

- Template available here: <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>
- Stakeholder's Guide to the MSC available here: [A Stakeholder's Guide to the MSC — Marine Stewardship Council](#)

Please send all your comments (using the template) to:

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Appendix 1: Assessment team-Professional Bios-

Dr. CAROLA KIRCHNER. Dr Kirchner has been working in the field of fisheries for the last 24 years. Her highest qualification is a PhD. Her PhD focussed on the population dynamics and stock assessment of a linefish species. She also completed her MBA part-time through the University of Cape Town. Her research thesis focused on the Namibian hake fishery, where she not only indicated areas of resource rent loss, but also presented a new method of providing bio-economic advice to the fishing industry and management. Included in the thesis was an evaluation of Namibia's post-independence fisheries policies. Dr Kirchner worked for the Ministry of Fisheries in Namibia for 18 years, where she was responsible for the stock assessment and management advice for most commercial species (eg. Hake, Horse mackerel and Sardine). These fisheries differ vastly, from long-lived species (Orange roughy) to the short-lived Sardine. Also, different gear types were used between these fisheries; bottom trawl, purse-seine and handline. Dr Kirchner has over the years built up international relationships, for example she was involved in the stock assessment and management of southern Atlantic Albacore tuna through ICCAT. Further, she worked for two years in the stock assessment and modelling section of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). There, her main role was to support the Parties of the Nauru agreement (PNA) members to maintain the compliance to the MSC certification, by evaluating reference points and harvest control rules. In addition, she was working on a regional bio-economic model that aims to evaluate and optimize the various fishing activities and includes all four major tuna resources in the Pacific as in Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye and Albacore tuna.

Her 18 years at the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of Namibia and her work at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community ensure that she meets the qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 on (i) fish stock assessment, (ii) fish stock biology and (iii) fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystem. Furthermore, her experience in Namibian fisheries administration supports the qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 for (iv) fishery management and operations. **For this assessment she will be in charge of Principle 1 and, and with her experience as a practicing fisheries manager, she will collaborate with other team members on the report for the Principle 3.**

JOSE RIOS holds a degree in Sea Sciences from the University of Vigo and an MSc in Fisheries and Aquaculture from the University of Wales-Bangor. He has 15 years of experience working in fisheries from different angles and places around the world. In 1999 he was working at the ICM-CSIC on trophic ecology of demersal fish species and participated in different research cruises on board the r/v Garcia del Cid. In 2001/02 he worked for the University of Azores as observer and fisheries inspector assessing an experimental fishing license for Orange roughy. Between 2003 and 2010 he was responsible for designing and monitoring fisheries management plans for the exploitation of several marine resources (clams, cockles and barnacles) for the Regional Fisheries Authority of Galicia (Spain). In 2008-09 he developed and analyzed the results of a scientific monitoring scheme for an experimental octopus fishery in the waters of Namibia (IIM-CSIC). Between 2008 and 2012, as part of different projects funded by the Spanish International Cooperation Agency (AECID), he supported local fisheries and aquaculture management bodies to strengthen organizational and managing capacities of the fishing and rural aquaculture sector in Namibia, Cape Verde, Colombia and Mozambique. Since 2013, as part of the fisheries team of WWF Spain, he was promoted different initiatives to improve fisheries management in coastal Spanish fisheries. As WWF representative he took part in the daily management of different coastal fisheries in the Spanish Mediterranean (Catalan sandeel, Balearic boat seines, and Palamós red shrimp). Since April 2016 he is a full-time employee at Bureau Veritas Fisheries Department and he has participated in the following MSC fisheries assessments and audits: LFPO pelagic trawl Baltic sprat fishery, NKF Bothnian Bay vendace trawl fishery, Deris, S.A. –Pesca Chile- Antarctic krill fishery, Agarba Spain Barents Sea cod trawl fishery, Cantabrian Sea purse seine anchovy fishery, North Atlantic albacore artisanal fishery, Western Asturias octopus traps fishery of artisanal cofradías, and the Chilean mussel fishery and suspended culture Toralla S.A. and Cultivos Toralla, S.A. He has also conducted 2 MSC pre-assessments.

His 7 years in charge of designing and monitoring fisheries management plans for the exploitation different marine resources in Galicia, together with his experience on trophic ecology of demersal fish species in the Mediterranean (ICM-CSIC), his work with the University of Azores assessing an experimental fishing license for Orange roughy in the Azores islands, and his experience designing and monitoring an experimental fishing license for octopus in Namibia (IIM-CSIC) ensure he meets qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 for (i) Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Also, his 3 years of experience as a practicing fishery manager as a WWF representative in 3 Mediterranean fisheries, together with his 7 years of experience participating in the implementation of fisheries management plans in Galicia and his experiences assessing experimental fishing licenses in the Azores and Namibia ensure he meets qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 for (ii) Fishery management and operations. **For this assessment he will be in charge of Principle 3 and, from him experience managing fishery impacts he will also be responsible for Principle 2.**

ROCHELLE CRUZ DE ARAUJO holds a degree in Fisheries Engineering from the Federal University of Ceará. Since 2013 she is the Director in Brazil of the Development and Sustainable Fisheries Center (CeDePesca), international OSCIP with headquarters in Argentina. Her main role is to coordinate the Fisheries Improvement Project (FIP) of the Brazilian lobster fishery.

She has experience in the area of technical assistance, elaboration and monitoring of fishing and aquaculture projects. During her work in the Secretary of fisheries and aquaculture in the state of Ceará she provided technical assistance to associations and groups within 16 municipalities. Therefore, she has broad experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques. She has collaborate in fisheries publications analyzing the commercial value of the key species in Ceará including tuna species.

She meets qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 for (i) Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context. For this assessment she will collaborate with other team members on the report from her experience in FIPs, fishery context and management.