



## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	<b>AGARBA Spain Barents Sea cod</b>
<b>Assessment number</b>	First re-assessment
<b>Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)</b>	No
<b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>	<p>The CAB states that the fishery entering re-assessment meets the scope requirements in FCR 7.4 for MSC fishery assessments [FCR 7.8.3.1]. Consequently, the CAB confirms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The fishery is not enhanced</li><li>- The fishery is not based on any introduced species</li><li>- There are no catches of non-target species that are inseparable or practically inseparable (IPI) from target stock</li><li>- It does not target species classified as 'out-of-scope' (amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals)</li><li>- It does not make use of any kind of destructive practices</li><li>- The fishery is within scope of the MSC standard, i.e. it does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international Agreement and is not overwhelmed by dispute;</li><li>- The fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws.</li><li>- The fishery has not previously failed an assessment and has no certificate withdrawn</li><li>- The certificate is not open to certificate sharing</li></ul> <p>There are other MSC certified fisheries targeting the same stock and operating in the same area. However, all other Barents cod fisheries are certified against Version 1.3.</p>
<b>Certificate sharing statement</b>	The fishery is not interested on certificate sharing, therefore, no other eligible fishers will be considered.



<b>Estimated Length of Full Assessment &amp; Timeline</b>	<p>It is expected that this Re-assessment will take at least 6 months. The expected dates for the publication of the key reports are presented below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="651 392 1230 768"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">MSC Assessment process steps</th> <th colspan="7">2018</th> </tr> <tr> <th>05</th> <th>06</th> <th>07</th> <th>08</th> <th>09</th> <th>10</th> <th>11</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fishery announcement</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peer review nomination</td> <td></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Site Visit</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCDR</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FR</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCR</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Following FCR 7.8.3.2 a separate timeline is attached to the present Announcement.</p>	MSC Assessment process steps	2018							05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Fishery announcement								Peer review nomination								Site Visit								PCDR								FR								PCR							
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<b>Name of proposed Team Leader</b>	<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. Explanation on how he meets the competence is <i>provided in Appendix 1</i></p>																																																															
<b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b>	<p>The assessment team consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hans Lassen</li> <li>- Rohan Smith</li> <li>- José Ríos</li> </ul> <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. Explanation on how they meet the competence is provided in <i>Appendix 1</i></p> <p>(iii) The fishery team (as a whole) meets the qualifications and competency criteria established in PC3</p>																																																															
<b>Assessment tree to be used</b>	<p>The default assessment tree (Annex SA) contained in MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements version 2.0 (issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014) will be used for this assessment.</p>																																																															
<b>Site visit</b>	<p>The site visit is planned on the <b>week of 16th July</b> in Spain and Norway (specific locations will be confirmed). 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 **AGARBA Spain Barents Sea cod FISHERY** has entered to the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) re-assessment process.

According to the MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements, a site visit to the Bask Country, Galicia (Spain) and Bergen (Norway) will be undertaken on the **week of 16th July 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 the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 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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Date: 24/05/2018



## Appendix 1: CVs of team leader and team

**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, local knowledge and local fishery context. Furthermore he will collaborate with other team member on the report for the Principle 2.**

**ROHAN SMITH**, is a fisheries industry technical and management analyst with qualifications in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management (BSc University of Portsmouth/Sparsholt College), as well as Marine Science, Fisheries and Technology (MSc North Atlantic Fisheries College). His experiences in fisheries research and ecosystem management were developed during over 10 years of working in marine environments of the UK and wider areas of Europe. He has conducted research evaluating impacts of different fishing activities on marine environments, including vulnerable marine ecosystems in inshore and offshore (24nm) waters of England. He has developed models and approaches that are used to evaluate interactions of fishing and marine ecosystems. His work also includes development of integrated sustainable fisheries management plans for Small Island Fisheries of the Caribbean (Montserrat). During this period he participated in research to gather data on mapping of fishing activity, collating catch composition, recording baseline habitat characterisation, reviewing current fishing and ocean policies, as well as readiness of these fisheries to demonstrate sustainability by pre-assessment against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries sustainability standard.



He has participated in MSC full assessments and Surveillance assessments for; Ocean trawlers Barents Sea Cod and Haddock fisheries, Shetland Island Scallop, Canada Atlantic Halibut, Atlanto Scandian Herring, West of Scotland Herring, North Sea herring, and Northeast Atlantic Mackerel, contributing in capacities across Team Member, Lead Assessor, and Principle 2 expert. **He meets the qualification criteria for fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems and local knowledge and local fishery context.**

**HANS LASSEN**, is an independent consultant. He holds a cand. scient. (M.Sc.) from Copenhagen University (1969) and a HD (B.Sc.) from the Copenhagen Business School (1978). His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models.

He joined the Danish Institute of Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFRES) in 1971. 1988-1992 he worked in the Greenland Fisheries Research Institute as Deputy Director and Director and returned to DIFRES in 1992. Between 1998 and 2003 he was in charge of the Fisheries Group in the ICES Secretariat as Fisheries Adviser who serves as secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. After 2004 he was head of the ICES Advisory Programme within the ICES Secretariat. He retired from the ICES secretariat in 2010 and has since worked as a private consultant on projects within his expertise.

He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES committees and groups, has within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization chaired STACFIS and the Scientific Council, been a member of STECF (EC), scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations and chaired an internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program, within the Nordic Council of Ministers he chaired its Working Group on Fisheries and worked with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment. In 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Swedish prize "Kungsfenan" for contributions to communication between science and the fishing industry. At his retirement from ICES he was awarded a Special Service Award. He is author and co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed papers in prime scientific journals and numerous papers for scientific symposia. He meets qualification and competency criteria established in PC3 for **(i) Fishery management and operations, (ii) Fish stock assessment and (iii) fish stock biology.**

He has been a member of MSC certification assessment and surveillance teams for fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic including on Westgreenland shrimp, Greenland halibut and lumpfish, for Barents Sea stocks, for fisheries around Faroe Islands, in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea. He has reviewed MSC assessment reports including cod, haddock, shrimps, anchovy, sardine and vendace. He has completed MSC training as fishery team leader (v1.3 and v2.0) including the risk based framework and traceability modules.