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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the BSAI and GOA flatfish Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [BSAI and GOA flatfish](#) fishery which is in its second re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc. One peer reviewer will be selected from the following list:

- David Japp
- Geoff Tingley
- Matthew Cieri

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit [this page of the MSC's website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

David Japp

David Japp is a Fisheries Scientist with an undergraduate degree in Zoology and Oceanography and post graduate degrees (Masters and Honours) in Fisheries Science. Presently he is director of Capricorn Fisheries Monitoring (CapFish) in South Africa, working extensively in fisheries in South Africa as well as regionally and internationally.

He was previously employed at the Sea Fisheries Research Institute (SFRI) from 1988 to 1997 as a biologist and manager and at the time he left this institution was head of the offshore resources section (demersal and pelagic stocks). His role at SFRI (now The Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries) was primarily management, biology and resource assessment and he was responsible for the submission of management advice on hake and other demersal stocks. He was also responsible for, planned and lead demersal biomass surveys in the period employed at SFRI. Mr Japp has retained an intimate knowledge of all aspects of the demersal and other fisheries including the trawling methods. He has authored many fisheries-related papers as well as numerous technical reports for the FAO. Mr Japp has also provided many expert reports for Environmental Impact Assessments relating to fisheries and has an intimate knowledge of Southern African and global fisheries and associated recruitment processes and related environmental characteristics. He also consults to FAO and the World Bank on fisheries-related issues including high-seas guidelines, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) and project development, appraisal and implementation in the East African and West Indian Ocean regions. Regarding the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Mr Japp was an assessor of the South African hake fishery from 2002 through to reassessment in 2009. He is presently on the assessment teams for Tristan da Chuna lobster, Sea of Okhotsk Pollock, Namibian Hake and PNA Purse seine. He has conducted pre-assessments for Kenya lobster, Tanzanian octopus, Mozambique shrimp, Uruguay hake, Patagonian toothfish and South Africa tuna pole (albacore) amongst others. He is a member of the MSC Peer Review College and has refereed numerous MSC assessments and also supervises MSC-related Chain of Custody audits in South Africa.

Geoff Tingley

Dr Geoff Tingley has over 30 years experience in academia, government and the private sector, mostly working in marine & freshwater fisheries research and applied fisheries management. His long-term focus has been on improving the sustainability of fisheries world-wide, using tools such as the MSC certification scheme and fishery improvement projects (FIPs) with Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP).

Dr Tingley has been a Principal Scientist at both Cefas in the UK, and then at New Zealand's Ministry of Primary Industries, where he provided advice on the science & management of deepwater and inshore fisheries both within the EEZ and for the NZ high seas fisheries in the Pacific. This included abundance estimation and stock assessments of hoki, orange roughy, ling, hake, sharks, squid & rock lobster, as well as understanding and mitigating the environmental impacts of fishing. He chaired a Deepwater Fisheries Assessment Working Group and provided advice on fisheries science & management both within the Ministry and to industry.

Dr Tingley has also advised on MSC certification, including stock status (P1), ecosystem elements of by-catch, benthic, ecosystem and ETP impacts (P2) and fisheries management (P3) (including hake, ling, orange roughy, oreo, squid). He was also Head of the NZ Delegation to the Scientific Committee of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) and a NZ Delegate to the SPRFMO Commission. He also initiated and then chaired the MPI South Pacific Fisheries Assessment Working Group to support the science process underpinning the work for SPRFMO.

Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.