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**Proposed Peer Reviewer Announcement for the
Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG)
North Sea cod fishery**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) are undertaking the full MSC certification assessment process for the Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG) North Sea cod fishery. As an initial assessment, two peer reviewers are required and MEC are proposing the following:

Dr Lisa Borges

Lisa has been a fishery scientist for the last 18 years and now runs her own consultancy firm. Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland. She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes, which include IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa has extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, with a particular focus on discards and bycatch in particular. She also has knowledge and experience of fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management plans and discard policy development. Lisa developed conservation policies for Atlantic fish stocks when she worked for the European Commission in Belgium. Lisa has experience in both pelagic and demersal stock assessments, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated as a principle 1 and 2 expert on four different assessments over the last year.

Dr Jan Geert Hiddink

Jan is a marine ecologist with extensive expertise in measuring and modelling the response of benthic communities to disturbance and modelling recovery trajectories for these organisms. His research is focussed on gaining a quantitative understanding of the effect of disturbance (such as exploitation and climate change) on the biodiversity and functioning of marine benthic communities, and on how such effects can be mitigated. This research includes the effects of MPAs on the communities of benthic invertebrates and fish. Most recently Jan has been studying the effect of climate change on the biodiversity of marine organisms using time series. Jan aims to increase understanding of ecosystem functioning and distribution patterns by comparing empirical data with predictions of ecological models.

After completing his PhD in 2002, Jan started a postdoc at Bangor University, where he studied the impact of bottom trawling on the functioning of benthic invertebrate communities. Jan joined the lecturing staff in School of Ocean Sciences in 2006 and was promoted to Reader in 2013.

Full CVs are available on request to MEC at the address below.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) via email, telephone or post at the below number and address.

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The deadline for consultation is **at 17:00 GMT on the 15th January 2017.**