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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak cod & saithe		
Surveillance level and type	Off-site		
Surveillance number (tick one)	DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak cod & saithe	5 th Surveillance	✓
	DFPO Denmark North Sea plaice	5 th Surveillance	✓
	DFPO Denmark North Sea sole	4 th Surveillance	✓
	DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak haddock	4 th Surveillance	✓
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Haddock & Sole Team Leader Bert Keus and P3 for Cod & Saithe and Plaice Bert Keus</p> <p>Bert Keus is an independent consultant based in Leiden, the Netherlands. He holds degrees in biology and law, and has previously held the position of Head of the Environmental Division of the Dutch Fisheries Board, and research fellow with the fisheries division of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute of Holland (LEI-DLO). Over the years 2003 and 2004 he managed fishing and processing companies in the Gambia handling fish from industrial and artisanal fisheries, and he maintains his contacts with the Gambian seafood industry. In addition, however, he has long association with the shellfish fisheries of the Waddenzee and neighbouring areas of northwest Europe, and he has been involved in efforts to achieve MSC certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery – acting as technical advisor to this multi-stakeholder initiative, and sitting on the project’s management board. Through this work and several other MSC certifications he has become particularly familiar with the MSC certification process (and indirectly with the GASS/DD assessment methodology). His research work on fish biology and population dynamics is widely published, and between the years 1998 and 2003 he was a Member of the European Sustainable Use Specialist Group, Fisheries Working Group of IUCN.</p> <p>Cod & Saithe and Plaice Team Leader and P2 for Haddock & Sole Gudrun Gaudian</p> <p>Dr Gudrun Gaudian (P2) is an experienced marine ecologist and taxonomist, including coastal and marine surveys, EIA’s for development and tourism, and research projects in tropical and temperate seas. Work experience also includes coastal and marine management issues, such as identifying sustainable coastal development projects, as well as addressing conservation issues, including selection and planning of marine parks and reserves, sustainable utilisation of natural resources and community based management programmes. Projects have been undertaken in temperate, polar and tropical marine regions. For some years now, Dr Gaudian has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine</p>		

	Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 2 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Gaudian holds an LLM degree in Environmental Law and Management, giving a deeper understanding of law and policy dealing with such relevant issues as the Common Fisheries Policy, water and waste management, and international environmental law including EU environmental policy.
Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>	Giuseppe Scarcella (P1) Participation in projects since 2000 regarding the management and assessment of fisheries resources, the monitoring of artificial reefs and the evaluation of the environmental impact of off-shore gas platforms. The researcher worked on board research and fishing vessels as well as at landing sites to perform a wide variety of technical and supervisory studies. The researcher is responsible for setting up the experimental designs and carrying out the statistical analyses of different research projects. The researcher participated in the sampling activity and in the drawing up of the reports and of the related scientific papers. Moreover, the researcher actively participates in the development of fishery management plans and the evaluation of socio-economic impact, related both to fishing activities and the deployment of artificial structures for anti-trawling and fish restocking. The researcher also participates, within the framework of the EU-STEFC expert groups and FAO-GFCM working groups, in the stock assessment analyses for different species in different GSAs of Mediterranean Sea, in the discussion of the methodologies to be used and in the drawing up of the reports. Finally, the researcher is participating at the experimental trawl survey Medits, conducted in GSA 25 (Cyprus) within the Data Collection Framework (DCF) in compliance with the Regulations of the European Council.
Audit/review time and location	This off site surveillance will take place during the week commencing the 17 th of January 2017.
Assessment/review activities	All relevant data, progress on the Client Action Plan and progress on the 6 open conditions.

Stakeholder Comment

This combined surveillance audit will take place in January as per announcements and variations posted on each of these fisheries MSC pages. We are informed that the re-assessment of these fisheries will be commencing around the same time but as of the date of this publication these re-assessments have not been announced.

If you would like to submit comments or information for consideration by the assessment team, please do so by the 3rd of January 2017, giving the following:

- » your name and contact details;
- » your interest in the fishery;
- » the issues you would like to highlight.

Submitted by: Billy Hynes

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Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency (if amended since PCDR)

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4 & 5 Surveillances	Off Site	3 Offsite	These surveillances were originally expected to take place onsite in line with the fisheries re-assessment. The re-assessment will now be undertaken by another CAB so Acoura have elected that an offsite surveillance is sufficient to address the open conditions given that a full site visit and review of the fishery is planned shortly after this surveillance audit.

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Fishery	Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
DFPO Denmark North Sea plaice	5	24 th Sept 2011	17 th Jan 2017	The surveillance will take place in January 2017 to take advantage of the cost and efficiency of a combined surveillance with the other DFPO fisheries in this announcement. The client was visited in December 2015 as part of an expedited audit of cod to their Saithe certificate so Acoura has no concerns about risk to certification.
DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak haddock	4	7 th Aug 2012	17 th Jan 2017	
DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak cod & saithe	5	22 nd Feb 2011	17 th Jan 2017	This fishery was due it's 5th surveillance audit this year by the 22 nd of August 2016 at the latest. This surveillance is not taking place on time (as per our announcement on the 1 st November 2016). The surveillance will take place in January 2017 to take advantage of the cost and efficiency of a combined surveillance with the other DFPO fisheries in this announcement. The client was visited in December 2015 as part of an expedited audit of cod to their Saithe certificate so Acoura has no concerns about risk to certification.
DFPO Denmark North Sea sole	4	07 Jun 2012	17 th Jan 2017	This fishery was due it's 4th surveillance audit this year by the 7 th of December 2016 at the latest. This surveillance is not taking place on time (as per our variation published on the 10 th November 2016). The surveillance will take place in January 2017 to take advantage of the cost and efficiency of a combined surveillance with the other DFPO fisheries in this announcement. The client was visited in December 2015 as part of an expedited audit of cod to their Saithe certificate so Acoura has no concerns about risk to certification.