

Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*), Argentina Sea, otter trawl net fishery

By events outside the OIA's control, the CAB announces a change in the team membership, as Dr. Leszek B. Prenski is not able to participate in the re-assessment and Lic. Gabriel Sesar is proposed as responsible of Principle 3. Dr. Morsan and Lic. Sesar have knowledge based into their experience in fish stock assessment, biology and ecology, fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems, fishery management and operations and understanding of MSC Principles & Criteria and relevant MSC certification requirements.

The names and brief details of their career are provided below. A full CV for each team member is available from the MSC website.

To participating in and submitting any comments, MSC has provided a guide and template for stakeholder to complete:

<https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/stakeholder-guide-to-the-MSC-v2.pdf/view>

<https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>

Comments on potential new assessment team will be taken though **5th February 2017 on 5pm GTM.**

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Changes in the assessment team

Dr. Enrique Morsan – Team Leader and responsible for Principle 1 and 2

Dr. Morsan is professor of Fishery Biology, Oceanography and professional researcher member of Directive Council in Instituto de Biología Marina y Pesquera “Almirante Storni” of Universidad Nacional del Comahue. He has 28 years of experience in marine biology, populations dynamics of marine invertebrates, assessment and managements of fishery resources. Dr. Morsan has participated in various MSC assessment processes of fisheries as Southern Red King Crab (*Lithodes santolla*), Mullet (*Mugil platanus*), Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*) and Argentine Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*), and has had training in the use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF).

OIA has being verified that Dr. Morsan meets the fishery team leader qualification and competency criteria specific in Annex PC1 of FCRv2.0, in particular:

- has a university degree (Ph. D.) in biology;
- has over 5 years’ experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility;
- has passed MSC team leader training, meets the competencies specified in section 2 of Table PC1;
- has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessment or surveillance visits as a team member in the last 5 years; has the experience in applying knowledge of auditing techniques in the gathering of information, the scoring of the fishery and the rationales of the score given.
- has the experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques; and the ability to effectively communicate with the client and other stakeholders.

Furthermore, Dr. Morsan has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an expert on: fishery stock assessment, fish stock biology/ecology, fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems, current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context, understanding of the CoC Standard and Certification Requirements.

Dr. Morsan has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Patagonian scallop fishery.

For more information, it is available Morsan’ CV in the MSC website.

Lic. Gabriel Sesar - Responsible for Principle 3

Lic. Sesar has a degree in economics sciences and has been Consulter in many Argentinean fishery management projects. He has 29 years in fishery managements and operations. He has served as team member in Argentine anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*), Bonaerense stock, and Argentine hoki (*Macruronus magellanicus*) surveillance processes against Principles and Criteria of the MSC.

OIA has verified that Lic. Sesar meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specific in Annex PC2 of FCRv2.0, in particular:

- has a university degree in economic science;
- has over 5 years’ experience in the fisheries sector related to the tacks under his responsibility;



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-has passed MSC fishery team member training, meets the competencies specified in section 2 of Table PC2;

-has undertaken more than 2 MSC surveillance visits as a team member in the last 5 years;

Furthermore, Lic. Sesar has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an expert on: fishery management and operations, current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context, and understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.

Lic. Sesar has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Patagonian scallop fishery.

For more information, it is available Sesar' CV in the MSC website.