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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Abrolhos Island and Mid-West Scallop Trawl Fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Abrolhos Island and Mid-West scallop trawl fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Duncan Leadbitter
- Isobel Bloor
- Jo Gascoigne
- Johan Groeneveld

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 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

### Duncan Leadbitter

Duncan Leadbitter was employed by the MSC during the period 2000 to 2009 in roles that involved him in the early development of MSC systems such as the creation of version 2 of the fisheries certification methodology (FCM) and the creation of the enhanced fisheries requirements of the FCM. Whilst working for the MSC and subsequent clients he has gained a great deal of practical experience in the evaluation of fisheries against the MSC Standard and other standards, particularly in regards to establishing fishery improvement projects.

His primary involvement has been in the Asia Pacific region and in recent years much of his work has revolved around tropical trawl fisheries and other fisheries that supply raw material for the fish meal and surimi sectors.

Mr Leadbitter has also provided advice to a variety of NGO and industry clients on sustainable seafood sourcing as well as liaising with governments and intergovernmental organisations on the nature of incentive programs for facilitating the involvement of the private sector in the drive towards sustainability.

### Isobel Bloor

Dr Isobel Bloor has an educational background in marine ecology, environmental management and fisheries with an MSc in Marine Ecology and Environmental Management and a PhD in cuttlefish fisheries and ecology. Dr Bloor has spent the last seven years working for Bangor University, where she is based full-time in the Isle of Man leading a contract providing independent scientific advice to the Isle of Man Government on all their commercial fisheries. During this period Dr Bloor has been an active member of the ICES working group on scallop stock assessment and continues to represent the Isle of Man on the ICES Working Group for Cephalopods. Dr Bloor has been actively involved in the MSC process, providing all the scientific research and advice for the Isle of Man queen scallop trawl fishery, including writing reports for annual reviews and participating in audits. Since 2013 Dr Bloor has been working on developing stock assessment methods and undertaking stock assessments for both king and queen scallop fisheries for the Isle of Man and for the wider Irish Sea (in collaboration with colleagues from other institutes). Dr Bloor is actively involved in several industry groups and provides regular scientific advice to support these groups, in particular the Scallop Management Board. Dr Bloor has lead and coordinated the research and scientific advice for all commercially fished species in the Isle of Man (king scallop, queen scallop, whelk, crab, lobster, squid etc) and undertakes the annual scallop stock assessment surveys.

### Jo Gascoigne

Dr Jo Gascoigne has been working in fisheries (research and consultancy) since 1995 and hence has over 25 years of experience in the field. She has completed a PhD in fisheries research (the population dynamics and management of exploited or rare species). She has spent the last several years of her career as a consultant on a mixture of MSC assessments and associated projects, and longer-term projects focusing mainly on fisheries management and policy analysis.

### Johan Groeneveld

Dr Johan Groeneveld has over 20 years' experience as a fisheries scientist, with a focus on marine fisheries and their impacts on target and bycatch species. He obtained a PhD in 2001 at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, and is presently a Senior Scientist at the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) and an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of KwaZulu Natal. His experience-base includes 12 years of applied fisheries research and management of commercial spiny lobster fisheries in South Africa, 2 years as an advisor to the fisheries ministry in Oman, and 9 years as a senior scientist at ORI, with a portfolio targeting regional fisheries research and development projects. He regularly undertakes consulting projects, including for the fishing industry and clients such as the World Bank, UNEP and the FAO. He has worked extensively on collaborative fisheries development projects in the Western Indian Ocean region. He has also published regularly in the peer-reviewed literature, and is on the editorial boards of 'Fisheries Research', and 'Western Indian Ocean Journal of Marine Science'.

Dr Goeneveled has been involved in fisheries certification based on Marine Stewardship Council principles since 2009, and has participated as team member or individually in pre-assessments, full assessments, auditing and peer-review of a range of fisheries, including Bahamas spiny lobster fishery, French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery, South African hake trawl fishery, Normandy and Jersey lobster fishery and Tristan da Cunha lobster fishery.