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DFPO mussel, cockle and oyster fisheries MSC Surveillance Announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name	
	DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel DFPO Limfjord oyster dredge DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle fishery	
2	Surveillance level and type	
	DFPO Limfjord oyster dredge – level 4 offsite DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle – level 4 offsite DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel – level 1 offsite	
3	Surveillance number	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	<i>X IDW blue shell mussel, DFPO Limfjord oyster</i>
	4th Surveillance	<i>X DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle</i>
	Other (expedited etc)	
4	Proposed team leader	
	<p>Dr. Julian Addison will serve as team leader for a reduced reassessment. He is an independent fisheries consultant specializing in shellfish and inshore fisheries. Until 2010 he served for 28 years at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), which is the UK Government’s marine science agency for environment, fisheries and aquatic science, most recently as Senior Shellfish Advisor. Relevant skills and experience include 30 years’ experience of stock assessment and provision of management</p>	

	<p>advice on shellfish and inshore fisheries, extensive shellfish research primarily in the field of crustacean population dynamics and assessment, extensive knowledge of the UK shellfish and inshore fisheries industry and liaison with fishers and other stakeholder groups, knowledge of shellfisheries management regimes worldwide, effective oral and written communication skills and winning of contracts under competitive tender.</p> <p>Research interests include development of methods for shellfish stock assessment, including fishery-independent methods of estimating abundance, crustacean behaviour in relation to capture in fishing gear, development of environmentally friendly fishing gear technology for both trawl and molluscan dredge fisheries and the environmental footprint of inshore fisheries.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. Addison meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • He has passed the MSC team leader training; • He has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • He has passed the MSC Traceability training module; • He meets ISO 19011 training requirements; • He has undertaken two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • He has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 and 2 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. Addison has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
5	Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>
	<p>Ms. Christine Grieve has 25+ years' experience in fisheries management and policy-making from local to global levels. First as research assistant to Australian stock assessment scientists, then the manager of some complex Australian demersal fisheries. She moved to the UK in 2000 to lead the Sustainable Fisheries Policy Research Programme for a London-based think tank where the vision was to influence change in the European Union's Common Fisheries Policy. In 2002, Chris became the International Policy Director for the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), responsible for leading the MSC's work on standards, certification and accreditation, governing bodies and developing world fisheries. Chris's role evolved to become Associate Director between 2005 and 2010 after she established Meridian Prime as a consulting company with a diverse portfolio of work. Chris has led and participated in work on the development, evolution and implementation of the MSC standard and certification requirements. She has also led and participated in sustainable fisheries-related projects for client organisations in Europe and the USA. On a consultancy basis, Chris is the Executive Director of the EDGE Certified Foundation: a Swiss-based, global certification scheme dedicated to pursuing gender equality in Fortune 500 companies. Chris is an associate of the GrowHouse Initiative: a company that helps businesses explore beyond the boundaries of their current practice to create compelling, unique and sustainable futures. Chris is a member of the Board of Directors for WOCAN (a non-profit focusing on gender equality in natural resource management in the global south) and on the Advisory Board of Ocean Outcomes (a US-based non-profit focusing on sustainable fisheries). Chris was a founding Trustee and Vice Chair of the ISEAL Alliance, the global sustainability standards organization; and a statutory-appointed member of two Australian fisheries management public boards.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Grieve meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • She has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years; • She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored; • She has passed the MSC Traceability training module. <p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 and 3 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>The whole assessment team collectively meets the requirements as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>A discussion between team members regarding conflict of interest and biases was held and none were identified.</p>
6	Audit/review time and location
	<p>The site visit will be held remotely the week of 10-14 August 2020. The site visit will be in conjunction with the reassessment of the DFPO mussel, cockle and oyster fishery.</p> <p>The MSC Covid-19 Derogation allows CABs to conduct assessment site visits as off-site visits for the duration of the 6-month derogation period (27th March 2020 – 27th September 2020).</p>
7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The surveillance will review any changes in science and management, and will monitor progress in closing out conditions.</p>

MRAG Americas invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant, including knowledge and concerns about the fishery, to the surveillance and expedited assessments of the fisheries. Unless covered by FCP 4.4.1 any information that cannot be shared with other stakeholders even under a confidentiality agreement shall not be: referenced in the surveillance audit, used to determine the surveillance audit outcome or used as the basis for an objection to certification. The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment> and a template for stakeholder response available at [MSC program supporting documents](#). You must use the template to provide your response. All comments and inquiries should be directed to MRAG Americas. MRAG will schedule meetings with stakeholders if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

We request that stakeholders provide written information or request a meeting by 5pm UTC on 09 August 2020.

Information on the DFPO Danish Inner Waters blue shell mussel fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/dfpo-inner-danish-waters-blue-shell-mussel/@@view>.

Information on the DFPO Limfjord oyster dredge is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/dfpo-limfjord-oyster-dredge/@@view>.

Information on the DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/dfpo-limfjord-mussel-and-cockle-fishery/@@view>.

More information on the combined fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/dfpo-mussel-cockle-and-oyster/@@view>.

Please send any documentation, requests for meetings, or inquiries to:

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Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency

1. The announcement shall include a rationale for any reduction from the default surveillance level following FCP v2.1 7.28.4-7.28.7.
2. The announcement shall include a rationale for any deviations from carrying out the surveillance audit before or after the anniversary date of certification.
3. The announcement shall include a completed fishery surveillance program.

Table 2 – Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
	No change in surveillance activity		

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
3 – DFPO Limfjord oyster & DFPO IDW blue mussel	November 2020	August 2020	These fisheries have been combined to form one new fishery, DFPO mussel, cockle and oyster. Therefore, the audit timing has been changed accommodate the difference in certificate anniversary dates and the site visit for the reassessment of the newly formed fishery.
4 – DFPO Limfjord mussel & cockle	July 2020	August 2020	These fisheries have been combined to form one new fishery, DFPO mussel, cockle and oyster. Therefore, the audit timing has been changed accommodate the difference in certificate anniversary dates and the site visit for the reassessment of the newly formed fishery.

Table 4 – Fishery surveillance program

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
DFPO Limfjord oyster dredge – level 4 DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle – level 4 DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel – level 1	Due to the MSC Covid-19 derogation the site visits will be held offsite (27 March 2020 through 27 September 2020).	Due to the MSC Covid-19 derogation the site visits will be held offsite (27 March 2020 through 27 September 2020).	Due to the MSC Covid-19 derogation the site visits will be held offsite (27 March 2020 through 27 September 2020).	Due to the MSC Covid-19 derogation the site visits will be held offsite (27 March 2020 through 27 September 2020).