

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

DNV GL-Business Assurance

Faroe Islands silver smelt

MSC Surveillance Announcement

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1 Introduction

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CABs are required to submit this announcement for posting on the MSC website at least 30 days before the audit activities are carried out (FCP v2.2, 7.28.14.6).

[Covid-19 derogation 27.03.2020 \(if applicable\)](#)

The surveillance announcement timeline is subject to a 6-month extension in accordance with Covid-19 Derogation 27 March 2020



2 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name	
	Faroe Islands silver smelt	
2	Unit(s) of Assessment (UoA)	
	UoC 1	Description
	Species	Great Silver Smelt (<i>Argentina silus</i>)
	Stock	Greater silver smelt (<i>Argentina silus</i>) in Divisions Vb and VIa (Faroes grounds, West of Scotland).
	Geographical area	Stock region: Faroes grounds, West of Scotland. Common name of the body of water: Faroes grounds, West of Scotland. FAO area 27 Local fisheries management area: ICES Divisions Vb and Via.
	Harvest method / gear	Semi-pelagic demersal trawl
	Management	The fishery is managed under Faroese jurisdiction by the Ministry of Fisheries with the Fisheries Directorate providing information regarding resource management as well as performing a regulatory role.
	Client group	UoA covers the fleet of semi-pelagic demersal trawlers that are members of Tavan SP/F. It applies only to these vessels when they are fishing for great silver smelt (<i>Argentina silus</i>) in ICES Division Vb (Faroe Bank & Faroe Plateau) and Via (North of Scotland) and landing their catches at the eligible first points of landing (P/F Landingarmiðstøð Føroya, JFK/Kosin, P.P. Faroe Pelagic).
	Other eligible fishers	There are no other eligible fishers who could be entitled to join this certification process. The six vessels in the client fishery are the only vessels licensed to fish for GSS in the UoA; thus, the client fleet's catch equal the total Faroese catch.
3	Date certified	Date of expiry
	29.08.2012	28.02.2023
4	Surveillance level and type	
	Surveillance level 4. No change to the surveillance level from what was indicated in the PCDR. The audit was indicated as On-site in the PCDR however travel restrictions associated to the COVID situation allow for an off-site audit	
5	Surveillance number	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	X

	4th Surveillance	
	Other (Expedited, etc.)	
6	Proposed team leader	
	<p>Lucia Revenga (Team leader and CoC responsible): Lucia Revenga is part of DNV-GL MSC Fisheries Teams where she acts as Team Leader. She holds University degrees in Marine Science and in Environmental Sciences. She has been involved in MSC fisheries assessment since 2013 as Principle 2 expert and since 2018 as a Team Leader. She has more than 10 - year experience on the wild fisheries sector. In the DNV GL she works with the MSC standard for sustainable fisheries as team leader responsible for pre-assessments, initial assessments, re-assessments and surveillance assessments. She will be the team leader and traceability responsible.</p> <p>Annex PC Table PC1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has a degree in a relevant subject. • She has experience with the MSC fisheries standard. • She has experience as TL. • She has passed MSC's online training for fisheries team leader within the last 5 years. • She has passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules. • She meets ISO 19011 training requirements. • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques. • She has undertaken more than 2 MSC fisheries assessments/surveillance site visits in the last 5 years. • She has knowledge of common language spoken by clients and stakeholders for the fisheries. • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and various stakeholder groups. • She is responsible for coordinating the Assessment Team's work and for the completion of the assessment. • She has no conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment. • She understands the CoC standard and CoC certification requirements- pass MC's Traceability training module every 5 years. <p>She will participate in the off- site audit. Full CV is available upon request.</p>	
7	Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>	
	<p>Hans Lassen: Team member (Fish stock assessment and biology/ Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems/ country knowledge).</p> <p>Hans Lassen is an independent consultant. He holds a cand. scient. (M.Sc.) from Copenhagen University (1969) and a HD (B.Sc.) from the Copenhagen Business School (1978). His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models. He joined the Danish Institute of Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFRES) in 1971. 1988-1992 he worked in the Greenland Fisheries Research Institute as Deputy Director and Director and returned to DIFRES in 1992. Between 1998 and 2003 he was in charge of the Fisheries Group in the ICES Secretariat as Fisheries Adviser who serves as secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. After 2004 he was head of the ICES Advisory Programme within the ICES Secretariat. He retired from the ICES secretariat in 2010 and has since worked as a private consultant on projects within his expertise. He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES committees and groups, has within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization chaired STACFIS and the Scientific Council, been a member of STECF (EC), scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations and chaired an internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program, within the Nordic Council of Ministers he chaired its Working Group on Fisheries and worked with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment. In 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Swedish prize "Kungsfenan" for contributions to communication between science and the fishing industry. At his retirement from ICES he was awarded a Special Service Award. He is author and co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed papers in prime scientific journals and numerous papers for scientific symposia. He has been a member of MSC certification assessment and surveillance teams for fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic including on Westgreenland shrimp, Greenland halibut and lumpfish, for Barents Sea stocks, for fisheries around Faroe Islands, in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea. He has reviewed MSC assessment reports including cod, haddock, shrimps, anchovy, sardine and vendace.</p>	

	<p>Team member's qualifications meet the competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the Team-member with expertise in Fish stock assessment and biology/ Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems/ country knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has an appropriate university degree; • has passed the MSC team member training; • has over 3 years experience in stock assessment techniques comparable with techniques used by the fishery under assessment • has over 3 years experience in the biology and population dynamics of the species with similar biology. • has over 3 years experience in research in the impact of fisheries on aquatic ecosystems • has a knowledge of a common language spoken by clients and stakeholders (Danish and Faroese) • has over two years fishery work experience in the country in the last 15 years and has conducted over two assignments in the country in which the fishery under assessment is based in the last 10 years; • has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. <p>Team member will participate in the audit off-site. Full CV is available upon request.</p>
8	Audit/review time and location
	Off-site interviews by the assessment team with different stakeholders are scheduled for March 17 th , 2020.
9	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The key purpose of the surveillance audit is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review and evaluate the progress of the fishery against Conditions of Certification raised during the full assessment • review any potential or actual changes in the management systems; • review changes or additions / deletions to regulations; • review any personnel changes in scientific staff, key management or industry to evaluate impact on the management of the fishery; • review any potential changes to the scientific basis of information, including stock assessments. • Review any changes affecting traceability • Review progress against recommendations.
10	Stakeholder opportunities
	<p>Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input to the annual surveillance process, please contact DNV GL by 5 PM UTC on 15th March and provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Your name and contact details b) Your association with the fishery c) The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation) d) When you would like to meet <p>Please use the "MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits v1.0" for submission of any comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input</p> <p>Remote meetings can be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions can be made to the email address below.</p>

Information on this fishery can be found at: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/faroe-islands-silver-smelt/@@view>

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