



NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC CERTIFICATION REPORT 9TH OF FEBRUARY 2016

WESTERN ASTURIAS OCTOPUS TRAPS FISHERY OF ARTISANAL COFRADÍAS

CLIENT : COFRADIA DE PESCADORES DE PUERTO DE VEGA (ASTURIAS)

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CERTIFICATION
CERTIFICATION BODY: BUREAU VERITAS IBERIA

Following the 15 working day time period required for comment on the Final Report without any objections, certification may now be completed.

The fishery is now certified under the MSC requirements for Sustainable Fisheries and the **Public Certification Report** has been published. The fishery will be certified for five years following the certification date (25th of January) subject to the results of ongoing surveillance audits. Therefore now is able to use the MSC's logo on all products defined within the Public Certification Report for the unit of certification below:

Species: *Octopus vulgaris*

Stock: Octopus vulgaris stock from Asturias waters.

Fishing Area: The fishing grounds maps of Asturias comprises the waters off the Principality of Asturias, mainly from the coastline to 50m depth (fishing can take place deeper, but always less than 100m), always within internal Spanish waters (<12nm), covering the waters between 7° 01' West and 6° 04' West, where the fleet under assessment operates.

Fishing method or gear: artisanal traps

Fleet: 27 vessels from Comarca del Navia-Porcía that are members of the following guilds: Tapia de Casariego, Viavélez, Ortiguera, Puerto de Vega

Only octopus caught in the manner defined in the Unit of Certification detailed throughout the body of the final Public Certification Report for this fishery shall be eligible to enter the Chain of Custody. Chain of Custody should commence after the first point of sale carried out in the following auction points covered by the certificate:

- Cofradía Tapia de Casariego
- Cofradía Viavélez
- Cofradía Ortiguera
- Cofradía Puerto de Vega

The client left the certificate open for **other eligible fishers** assessed during the process as part of the Unit of assessment. These eligible fishers comprise vessels from the Cofradías of Cudillero, Oviñana, Lueca and Figueras (Asturias) targeting the same octopus stock using artisanal traps and operating under the Management Plan. They may access the certificate through the certificate sharing published in the MSC website and distributed to the parties.

We would like to express our thanks to all individual and organisational stakeholders who participated throughout this assessment process.

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