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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Barents Sea Cod, Haddock and Saithe Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Barents Sea cod, haddock and saithe fishery](#) which is in its second re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Lloyd's Register. One peer reviewer will be selected from the following list:

- David Japp
- Dmitry Lajus

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.**

David Japp

David Japp is a Fisheries Scientist with an undergraduate degree in Zoology and Oceanography and post graduate degrees (Masters and Honours) in Fisheries Science. Presently he is director of Capricorn Fisheries Monitoring (CapFish) in South Africa, working extensively in fisheries in South Africa as well as regionally and internationally.

He was previously employed at the Sea Fisheries Research Institute (SFRI) from 1988 to 1997 as a biologist and manager and at the time he left this institution was head of the offshore resources section (demersal and pelagic stocks). His role at SFRI (now The Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries) was primarily management, biology and resource assessment and he was responsible for the submission of management advice on hake and other demersal stocks. He was also responsible for, planned and lead demersal biomass surveys in the period employed at SFRI. Mr Japp has retained an intimate knowledge of all aspects of the demersal and other fisheries including the trawling methods. He has authored many fisheries-related papers as well as numerous technical reports for the FAO. Mr Japp has also provided many expert reports for Environmental Impact Assessments relating to fisheries and has an intimate knowledge of Southern African and global fisheries and associated recruitment processes and related environmental characteristics. He also consults to FAO and the World Bank on fisheries-related issues including high-seas guidelines, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) and project development, appraisal and implementation in the East African and West Indian Ocean regions. Regarding the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Mr Japp was an assessor of the South African hake fishery from 2002 through to reassessment in 2009. He has also been on the assessment teams for Tristan da Chuna lobster, Sea of Okhotsk Pollock, Namibian Hake and PNA Purse seine. He has conducted pre-assessments for Kenya lobster, Tanzanian octopus, Mozambique shrimp, Uruguay hake, Patagonian toothfish and South Africa tuna pole (albacore) amongst others. He is a member of the MSC Peer Review College and has refereed numerous MSC assessments and also supervises MSC-related Chain of Custody audits in South Africa.

Dmitry Lajus

Dr Dmitry Lajus, Associate Professor in the Department of Ichthyology and Hydrobiology of St Petersburg State University. Dr Lajus holds a BS and MS from St. Petersburg University, and a PhD from the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. His research interests include population biology of marine fish and invertebrates, population phenogenetics, stress assessment, history of fisheries, historical ecology, and population dynamics. Dr Lajus has authored numerous scientific articles, book chapters, and scientific reports. He is involved in the MSC certification programme since 2007, working with Russian and Estonian fisheries. During this time he has conducted over 20 MSC pre-assessments of marine and freshwater fisheries, consulted on several fisheries helping them to achieve certification, co-authored several MSC full assessments reports on Pacific salmon and common perch in Russia, and conducted multiple MSC peer-reviews.