

AUSTRALIAN TOOTHFISH AND MACKEREL ICEFISH FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT of ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDITS

The Australian Toothfish fishery at Macquarie Island and at Heard Island and McDonald Islands were certified under the MSC standard in 2012; this will be their second surveillance audit. The Australian Icefish fishery at Heard Island and McDonald Islands was certified in 2011 and this will be the third surveillance audit for this fishery. The annual audits will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery for continued certification.

The surveillance team from SCS Global Services (SCS) will be conducting meetings in Hobart, Australia on the **24-25 July, 2014**. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the continued certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery.

Fisheries under surveillance:

- A. Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery
- B. Heard Island and McDonald Islands Toothfish Fishery
- C. Heard Island and McDonald Islands Icefish Fishery

Two Units of Certification for all 3 Fisheries

Species	A and B <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> ; C <i>Champsocephalus gunnari</i>
Gear Type	1. Demersal Trawl 2. Demersal Longline
Geographical Area	A Australian territorial waters and EEZ around Macquarie Island; B and C Australia's Heard Island and McDonald Islands (Subantarctic)
Management System	Input controls: limited entry, gear restrictions, move on requirement for sensitive species, temporary spatial closures. Output controls: TAC
Clients	Austral Fisheries Pty Ltd. and Australian Longline Pty Ltd.

This notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and please provide

- a) your name and contact details;
- b) your association with the fishery; and
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please contact SCS by 1700 GMT July 18th, 2014.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at www.msc.org

The surveillance audit will be conducted by Mr. Sandy Morison (Principle 1 expert) and Dr. Sabine Daume (SCS – Lead Auditor); both team members of the HIMI toothfish assessment. The surveillance team meets the requirements of the MSC Certification Requirements v.1.3 (2013).

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