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## Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the FPO Icelandic Capelin Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [FPO Icelandic capelin fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body DNV. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Brierley
- Giuseppe Scarcella
- Jo Gascoigne
- Neil Campbell

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.**

### Andrew Brierley

Professor Andrew Brierley has 30+ years experience pursuing questions on pelagic stock variability, drivers thereof, and consequences for dependent predators. His PhD included studies of population dynamics and genetics of commercially-targeted European and South Atlantic squid. His postdoctoral work focused on acoustic estimation of krill biomass: his results fed annually to CCAMLR via the WG on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management, and he was particularly interested in responses by predators to krill variability.

Brierley has been a UK delegate to the ICES WG Fisheries Acoustics Science and Technology since the mid 1990s. He has worked on acoustic estimation of North Sea and Baltic herring, and vessel avoidance: these brought him face to face with issues of uncertainty in stock assessment and subsequent management of resources in data-poor circumstances.

Brierley has a long-standing interest in ecosystem impacts of fishing, as exemplified by his work on jellyfish blooms in the Benguela following fin-fish collapse. His new EU-funded work on the mesopelagic aims to gain understanding of ecosystem-services provided by fish there in advance of any new large-scale exploitation.

Brierley has considerable experience of scientific review, including for UK research councils and Australia's ARC. He also reviewed Japan's post ICJ-ruling Antarctic whale research programme, and participated subsequently as a UK delegate to the IWC Scientific Committee. Most recently Brierley has embarked on studies of fish stocks in Lake Victoria in pursuit of several UN Sustainable Development Goals. Brierley runs an MSc module 'Ecosystem-based management of marine systems' that draws heavily on his applied fisheries experiences.

### Giuseppe Scarcella

Dr Giuseppe Scarcella has a PhD in Marine Biology and Ecology and has been a contracted research scientist at the Italian Institute of Marine Sciences - National Research Council since 2008. During these years, he has gained experience in benthic ecology, and population dynamics. He has considerable international field knowledge, such as with EU working groups (DGMARE), STECF, ICES, GFCM, and the FAO regional projects MedSudMed, Adriamed and Eastmed. In addition, he is collaborating with numerous scientific institutions in the horizontal framework project MAREA (scientific advice for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy in the Mediterranean Sea).

As a scientist at CNR-ISMAR, Dr Scarcella is responsible for the sampling design and statistical analyses of several fisheries research programs in the Mediterranean and Black sea, including on artificial structures and their impact on the marine environment. In the framework of such activities he has gained experience in stock assessment, management plans, benthic ecology, fish assemblages of artificial structures, analysis of stomach contents, fisheries ecology, and the application of EAF principles to fisheries management. In 2010 he moved to Cyprus, where he is collaborating as consultant.

Dr Scarcella is an experienced MSC assessor covering Principle 1 and 3 issues. In the last five years he worked as a MSC assessor in several areas including the Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Iceland, South Pacific and South Africa.

### Jo Gascoigne

Dr Jo Gascoigne has been working in fisheries (research and consultancy) since 1995 and hence has 20 years of experience in the field. She has completed a PhD in fisheries research (the population dynamics and management of exploited or rare species). She has spent the over 10 years of her career as a consultant on a mixture of MSC assessments and associated projects, and longer-term projects focusing mainly on fisheries management and policy analysis.

### Neil Campbell

Dr Neil Campbell, having worked in the field for over twenty years, has considerable experience across a wide range of fisheries science and management areas. He has worked on age- and length-based assessment of shellfish during his time as a population modeller with the Scottish government; assessment of data-poor deep water stocks, and the assessment of widely dispersed, transboundary demersal and pelagic stocks. He is also familiar with the assessment of impacts of fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems, through his work with NAFO's ecosystem assessment group, and with the FAO VME database. His work also encompasses the science-compliance boundary, analysing vessel monitoring data to investigate behavioral changes brought about by changes in regulation, developing discard mitigation measures, and the use of CCTV systems as enforcement and research tools.

Dr Campbell's work with the MSC has been similarly diverse, acting as a peer-reviewer for fish and shellfish assessments, as a stakeholder, representing NAFO's scientific council and presenting the most recent advice and stock status to assessors during a field visit, and as a consultant, working on the creation of a global database of stock status.