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MSC Fishery Assessment Announcement:

Guyana seabob – Initial full assessment

Name of Fishery	Guyana seabob
Assessment number	First initial assessment
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	No
Statement that the fishery is within scope	Vottunarstofan Tún has verified that the Guyana seabob fishery meets the scope requirements in MSC's FCR 7.4 for fishery assessments.
Certificate sharing statement	There are no other eligible fishers defined for this fishery and no certificate sharing mechanism announced.
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	<p>The assessment is expected to be completed within 12 months of this notification, or as indicated by a timetable provided separately with this announcement.</p> <p>The main milestones are expected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site visit: October/November 2018 - Public Comment Draft Report: March/April 2019 - Final Report: June/July 2019 - Final Decision: August 2019 <p>A separate statement has been issued providing further details of the projected timeline.</p>
Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>Mr. Tristan Southall</p> <p>Tristan Southall has completed MSC online training for team leaders of fishery assessments and has recently served as team leader of MSC fishery assessments.</p>
Name of Proposed Assessors	<p>Mr. Tristan Southall, primarily responsible for Principle 3 assessment</p> <p>Tristan Southall is an experienced marine and fisheries industry analyst with a range of professional experience in questions of sustainable marine resource exploitation, working with a wide spectrum of stakeholders but with particular focus and expertise on the management and evaluation of capture fisheries,</p>

	<p>both in the UK, EU and internationally. His consultancy expertise includes project management, fisheries liaison, feasibility studies, stakeholder consultation, policy analysis and management advice and draws on an extensive understanding of fishery management and operations, as well as strong experience and understanding of a number of other marine industries – notably aquaculture. This focus on management is supported by a solid understanding and appreciation of marine ecosystems and a practical understanding of working at sea.</p> <p>Tristan has considerable professional experience of the EU Common Fisheries Policy and has coordinated EU fisheries training and promotion activities – covering all aspects of sustainable fisheries management and control. In addition, Tristan has excellent understanding of a range of non-EU fishery management systems in countries as diverse as Turkey, Suriname and the Gambia, meaning that his expertise and experience is applicable to a wide variety of situations, enabling valuable comparative analysis. In recent years Tristan has put his skills and extensive fisheries management experience to good use in undertaking a number of MSC sustainability assessments of fisheries around the world and typically serves as team leader on assessment teams. Tristan has recently been contracted by MSC to develop capacity building tools and deliver capacity building training for prospective fishery clients and stakeholders; a recognition of his excellent understanding of MSC Certification Requirements, it's practical application and challenges.</p> <p>Vottunarfstan Tún confirms that Tristan Southall meets the fishery team leader qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC1, Table PC1, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has a university degree in marine biology and in marine resource development and protection; - has over five years' experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; - has passed MSC team leader training; - meets the qualifications and has the competencies specified in section 2 of Table PC1, taking into account MSC's 2018 clarification of requirement (b); - has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as team member in the last 5 years; - has the experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and the ability to effectively communicate with the client and other stakeholders. <p>Furthermore, Tristan has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an assessor as outlined in Annex PC3, Table PC3.</p> <p>Vottunarfstan Tún confirms that Tristan Southall has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Guyana seabob fishery.</p>
	<p>Dr. Julian Addison – Team Member responsible for Principle 1 issues</p> <p>Dr Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant with over 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish fisheries, and a background of scientific research on shellfish biology</p>

	<p>and population dynamics and inshore fisheries. Until December 2010 he worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, England where he was Senior Shellfish Advisor to Government policy makers, which involved working closely with marine managers, legislators and stakeholders, Government Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations and environmental NGOs. He has also worked as a visiting scientist at DFO in Halifax, Nova Scotia and at NMFS in Woods Hole, Massachusetts where he experienced shellfish management approaches in North America. For four years he was a member of the Scientific Committee and the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission providing scientific advice to the UK Commissioner. He has worked extensively with ICES and most recently was Chair of the Working Group on the Biology and Life History of Crabs, a member of the Working Group on Crangon Fisheries and Life History and a member of the Steering Group on Ecosystems Function. He has extensive experience of the MSC certification process primarily as a P1 team member but also as a P2 team member and team leader. He has undertaken nearly 30 MSC full assessments of crustacean and mollusc fisheries worldwide which use a wide range of stock assessment methodologies and fishing gears. He has also undertaken MSC pre-assessments in Europe, North America and Australia and over 50 annual surveillance audits and technical reviews. He is a member of the MSC Peer Review College and has carried out peer reviews of MSC assessments worldwide of a wide range of fish and shellfish fisheries. Other recent work includes a review of the stock assessment model for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay, USA, and an assessment of three Alaskan crab fisheries under the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management scheme.</p> <p>Vottunarfstan Tún confirms that Dr. Addison meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC2, Table PC2, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has a university degree (Ph.D.) in Population Dynamics; - has over five years' experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; - has passed MSC team leader/member training; - has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as team member in the last 5 years; - has the experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and the ability to effectively communicate with the client and other stakeholders. <p>Furthermore, Julian has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an assessor as outlined in Annex PC3, Table PC3.</p> <p>Vottunarfstan Tún confirms that Dr. Julian Addison has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Guyana seabob fishery.</p>
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	<p>Bert Keus – Team Member responsible for Principle 2 issues</p> <p>Bert Keus is an independent consultant based in Leiden, the Netherlands. He holds degrees in biology and law and has previously held the position of Head of the Environmental Division of the Dutch Fisheries Board, and research fellow with the Netherlands Research Institute for Fishery Investigation (RIVO-DLO) and the fisheries division of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute of Holland (LEI-DLO).</p> <p>Over the years 2003 and 2004 he managed fishing and processing companies in the Gambia handling fish from industrial and artisanal fisheries, and he maintains his contacts with the Gambian seafood industry.</p> <p>In addition, however, he has long association with the shellfish fisheries of the Wadden Sea and neighbouring areas of northwest Europe, and he has been involved in efforts to achieve MSC certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery – acting as technical advisor to this multi-stakeholder initiative and sitting on the project’s management board.</p> <p>Through this work and several other MSC certifications he has become particularly familiar with the MSC certification process. Between the years 1998 and 2003 he was a Member of the European Sustainable Use Specialist Group, Fisheries Working Group of IUCN. Currently a major part of his work as a fisheries consultant is the drafting of appropriate assessments of fishing activities in Natura 2000 sites.</p> <p>Vottunarfstofan Tún confirms that Bert Keus meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC2, Table PC2, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has a university education in marine biology; - has over five years’ experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; - has passed MSC team member training; - has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as team member in the last 5 years; - has the experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and the ability to effectively communicate with the client and other stakeholders. <p>Furthermore, Bert has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an assessor as outlined in Annex PC3, Table PC3.</p> <p>Vottunarfstofan Tún confirms that Bert Keus has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Guyana seabob fishery.</p>
Team members qualified to cover traceability issues	Julian Addison has successfully completed Traceability module v2.0 of MSC’s training seminar.
Team members qualified to apply the Risk Based Framework	<p>Julian Addison has successfully completed the Risk Based Framework (RBF) module for v2.0 of MSC online training seminar.</p> <p>All team members are familiar with the application of RBF for FAM v1.3.</p>

Team members with knowledge of the local and regional fishery context	Tristan Southall has recently led a full re-assessment of the Suriname seabob fishery against the MSC standard and is therefore acquainted with the practices and management systems applied to the seabob fisheries in the region.
Language	The meetings and interviews will be conducted in English which is the official language of Guyana and is spoken and understood among client staff and stakeholders.
Assessment tree to be used	<p>The default assessment tree contained within the MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0 will be used for this assessment.</p> <p>Risk Based Framework is expected to be applied to the evaluation of Performance Indicators 2.1.1 (primary species outcome), 2.2.1 (secondary species outcome) and 2.4.1 (habitats outcome). See separate statement outlining reasons for this.</p>
Site visit, stakeholder consultation and the expected application of the Risk Based Framework	<p>The assessment team will meet in Georgetown, Guyana, during the period 29 October to 1 November 2018.</p> <p>The assessment will include the evaluation of relevant documents, the holding of stakeholder meetings and a visit to the fishery.</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery.</p> <p>For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF), see http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework.</p> <p>Please note that Tún will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.</p>
Tree modifications and stakeholder consultation	<p>N/A</p> <p>A separate announcement has been issued regarding the expected application of the Risk Based Framework (RBF).</p>

Vottunarstofan Tún announces that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) full re-assessment of **the Guyana seabob fishery** has begun with the aim of evaluating the fishery's compliance with the MSC's Fisheries Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries.

Vottunarstofan Tún would like to invite stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the assessment of the fishery. Stakeholders may provide input at any time. **Stakeholders wishing to comment on the proposed use of RBF** are expected to submit their input **by 17.00 GMT on the 20th of October 2018**.

Stakeholders wishing to meet with members of the assessment team, in person or remotely, are asked to send their request to the Tún contact below by 17.00 GMT on Thursday 18th of October 2018, providing the following information:

- (1) their name and contact details,
- (2) their association with the assessed fishery and
- (3) the issues that they wish to discuss.

Please note that comments should be supported by data or other evidence. Information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection.

Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to (a) financial transactions about certification, (b) financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being made public, or (c) information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

Information about the re-assessment of this fishery will be available for review on MSC's website, <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/guyana-seabob-fishery/@assessments>.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders> and a template for stakeholder response available at http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input.

You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

Please send any information, enquiries, or request for meeting to the following:

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Appendix 1: Client Certificate Sharing Statement
See below

Appendix 2: Curriculum Vitae of Team Leader and Team Members
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Appendix 3: Draft Modified Tree
Not applicable

Appendix 4: Reduced Re-assessment
Not applicable

Appendix 1: Client Certificate Sharing Statement

There are no fishers outside the client group defined as “other eligible fishers” and consequently the client has not issued any statement on certificate sharing for the potential Certificate of this fishery.

Appendix 2: Curriculum Vitae of Team Leader and Team Members

Curriculum Vitae for the Team Leader and each member of the assessment team have been submitted along with this document for publication.

*The CVs will be available for review along this announcement on MSC’s website,
<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/guyana-seabob-fishery/@assessments>*