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**Australian Northern Prawn Fishery
Notice of Confirmed Assessment Team Members
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Confirmation of Assessment Team Members

MRAG Americas is pleased to confirm the assessment team membership for this fishery. Team members are **Richard Banks (LA/P3)**, **Dr Shelley Clarke (P2)**, **Dr Derek Staples (P1)** and **Duncan Souter**. Lead assessor will be **Richard Banks**, MRAG Americas.

Mr Richard Banks (Proposed Team Leader and P3 assessor)

Mr Banks would serve as Lead Assessor for the certification and would have primary responsibility for Principle 3. Richard has undertaken 30 fishery assessments in Australia. Richard has also worked on series of prawn fisheries including Northern Prawn, Torres Strait Prawn, Indonesian Arafura Sea, Vietnamese and Malaysian Multi taxa and Indian prawn fisheries. The NPF full assessment will be Richard's third, one of which, the PNA skipjack fishery, involved extensive consultation with NGO stakeholders. Richard is a fisheries management specialist and policy programming specialist having worked on similar issues for international agencies, Commonwealth and State Fisheries. Richard holds a Bachelors degree in Fisheries Economics and a Masters in Agricultural Economics from the University of Portsmouth, and Imperial College, London respectively. Richard has been trained in and has applied the Risk-based Framework methodology for previous MSC assessments.

Dr Shelley Clarke (Proposed P 2 assessor)

Dr Clarke is a fisheries scientist with extensive experience with marine ecosystem impact assessment and bycatch issues. She has a master's degree in fisheries ecology from the University of Washington and a doctorate in quantitative fisheries science from Imperial College London. As a consultant to the Hong Kong government for 6 years, Dr. Clarke designed and executed numerous seabed ecology and trawl fishery studies in sub-tropical waters. More recently her work has focused on bycatch species, particularly sharks and other species which are often under-reported in routine catch monitoring databases. Having served on the MSC Stakeholder Council from 2003-2006 and the MSC Technical Advisory Board from 2006-2009 she has a detailed understanding of both the intent and practical application of the MSC principles and criteria.

Dr Derek Staples (Proposed P1 assessor)

Dr Staples is former Senior Fisheries Officer of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and is also the past-Secretary of the Asia Pacific Fisheries Commission. He has a PhD in fisheries ecology from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand and a post-doctoral diploma in aquaculture from the Tokyo University of Fisheries, Japan. In his last position, Dr. Staples was responsible for providing technical advice on coastal and offshore fisheries for all of FAO Asian-Pacific Member countries and has been actively involved in a number of FAO projects in Asia

In Australia, he was Deputy Executive Director of the Bureau of Resource Sciences (BRS), and was a senior science advisor to Ministers and policy decision makers in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in Australia (DAFF). Prior to this he was a scientist for many years with the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), working in the NPF, and a participant in the MSC pre assessment for Northern Prawn, Dr Staples has experience in the Risk Based Framework.

Mr Duncan Souter

Mr Souter is the CEO of MRAG Asia Pacific, based in Brisbane. Prior to joining MRAG, Mr Souter was the Fisheries Advisor to two Australian govt ministers for fisheries, and before that the CEO of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association. Mr Souter has a detailed understanding of Australian fisheries governance arrangements and management frameworks. Mr Souter will contribute to the Principle 3 assessment.

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