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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the SI WCPO skipjack and yellowfin tuna purse seine fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the fishery listed below:

[SI WCPO skipjack and yellowfin tuna purse seine](#)

The fishery is in its initial assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body, SCS Global. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Charles Edwards
- Giuseppe Scarcella
- Jeff Kinch
- Joe Powers

A summary of the peer reviewers 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.**

Charles Edwards

Dr Edwards has worked in fisheries stock assessment and modelling for over ten years, as both an academic and consultant, and contributed to the science-based management of a variety of stocks globally. For the last seven years he has been based in New Zealand, initially working for one of the national science providers: the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric research (NIWA). He has since been operating as an independent statistical consultant with a range of national and international clients, including the New Zealand government, but also international bodies such as the CCSBT and IOTC. A large part of his research invokes novel methods, with a particular interest in the management of data-limited stocks, such as by-catch fisheries, but also those that are commercially targeted, such as orange roughy, and he has developed novel methods for application under both of these scenarios. He also maintains a broad interest in Management Strategy Evaluation, and has experience in both reviewing and applying these methods. Dr Edwards has no previous experience working with the MSC.

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 MSC assessor in several areas including the Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Iceland, South Pacific and South Africa.

Jeff Kinch

Dr Jeff Kinch has a PhD in marine resource use, management and access in the Milne Bay Province area of Papua New Guinea (PNG). In 1999, he became involved in the development and initial implementation of the United Nations Development Program/Global Environment Facility funded Conservation International implemented 'Milne Bay Community based Coastal and Marine Conservation Program', before moving to Fiji in 2003 to work as the Community Development Specialist with the Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International and the Marine Aquarium Council. In 2004, Dr Kinch returned to PNG to take up a position as the Coastal Fisheries

Advisor with the University of Papua New Guinea, providing technical assistance to the European Union's 'Rural Coastal Fisheries Development Project', the Asian Development Bank's 'Coastal Fisheries Management and Development Project', and the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council's PNG leatherback turtle project as a mitigation program for the Hawaiian long-line fishery. From 2006, he worked as a consultant and acquired an extensive knowledge of coastal and island livelihood strategies throughout the Pacific. In recent years, Dr Kinch's scope of expertise has broadened to include socio-economic and environmental impact assessments, analysis of market chains, and more recently, issues surrounding climate change impacts. He has also conducted several project evaluations and research programmes for government, NGOs and regional agencies in the Pacific. From 2008-2010, he was the Coastal Management Advisor with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program, based in Samoa; before returning home to PNG to take up his current position as the Principal of the National Fisheries College, and the Nago Island Mariculture and Research Facility in the New Ireland Province."

Joe Powers

Dr Powers has been involved in fisheries issues for more than 40 years, conducting stock assessments, coordinating international stock assessment research, communicating scientific advice to fishery management councils and commissions and also serving as the senior marine fisheries manager in the southeast US. His background includes: Professor of Marine Resource Assessment at Louisiana State University; Senior Stock Assessment Scientist of the US's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) southeast region, Laboratory Director of a NMFS facility; lead US scientist for Atlantic tuna, swordfish and billfish species for the International Commission for the conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Chair of the Scientific Committee of ICCAT; Chair of the Stock Assessment Committee for Southern Bluefin Tuna; Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council. He has also worked on numerous Marine Stewardship Council assessments of tunas, swordfish, hake and other fisheries resources in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.