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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel fishery, which is currently undergoing the reassessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG. Two peer reviewers are required and will be selected from the following list:

- Rob Whiteley
- Omar Defeo
- Colin Bannister
- Jo Gascoigne
- Deirdre Hoare

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Full CVs 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.

Please note that this peer review is being undertaken as part of a pilot project to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the system, before it is launched for all MSC fisheries in early 2017. For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

### Rob Whiteley

Rob is an independent marine fisheries consultant and founder and director of Working Sea Ltd. He is also employed by a UK government public body as a Fisheries Specialist and leads on their shellfishery and aquaculture work.

He has over six years' involvement in assessing and advising on the impacts of all types of fisheries on habitats and species in MPAs, and has extensive consultation and engagement experience with a wide range of associated stakeholders. Rob is a key Advisory Group member of Project Inshore (a review of all English inshore fisheries against the MSC sustainability principles) and has experience as a representative on a MSC assessment and certification. He is also a Shellfish Association of Great Britain committee member and part of the Aquaculture Common Issues group.

In a previous role Rob was a Scientific Fisheries Observer in the Falkland Islands, and assessed a wide range of fishing vessels of various nationalities in the South Atlantic including squid jiggers, and benthic and pelagic trawlers, and also undertook a deep-sea research cruise.

Rob also has experience working in Australia where he designed and undertook various marine surveys, and produced a report for the NSW government on bycatch in their marine fisheries.

### Omar Defeo

Omar Defeo is a Titular Professor at the Universidad de la República in Uruguay. He has more than 30 years' experience working with marine fisheries, with emphasis on Latin American small-scale shellfisheries. During these decades he has also worked with governmental agencies on the development of co-governance institutional arrangements that include fishers as critical actors in the decision process. His long-term research also includes experimental designs to better distinguish natural variability from anthropogenic impacts in harvested populations and communities in coastal systems of Latin America. His field experiments and research show that different levels of fishing effort can lead to different responses in both fished and unfished fauna, as well as in the processes regulating their population dynamics. He also assesses the implementation of zoning strategies as tools for fisheries management and biodiversity conservation. Dr. Defeo has served to the Technical Advisory Board of the Marine Stewardship Council for several years. He has published three FAO Technical Papers and more than 200 papers, 135 of them in primary journals. He has supervised more than 80 graduate and postgraduate students from Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico and Italy. He has received the Pew Fellowship in Marine Conservation (2010), the SCOPUS award (2010) and the Uruguayan Science and Technology Morosoli Award (2009).

### Colin Bannister

Colin is a former fishery biologist, assessment scientist, and stock management advisor. Graduating in Zoology in 1964 he was appointed to the government Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft, UK, retiring in 2004 from what is now Cefas with 40 years experience of the dynamics and management of a wide range of finfish and shellfish stocks and fisheries. From 1964-1974 he studied the biology and assessment of flatfish stocks at Iceland and in the North Sea, obtaining a PhD in 1971. In 1975-76 he was seconded to Brussels to give specialist fisheries advice during the development of the EU Common Fisheries Policy. From 1981-2000 he was responsible for research, assessment, and advice on the management of coastal crustacean and molluscan fisheries in England and Wales, including the evaluation of pioneering lobster enhancement experiments around the UK. In 1999 he received the Walne Medal of the UK Shellfish Association for his contribution to shellfisheries management. In the 1990s, Colin was active in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea as chair of

the Shellfish Committee, Living Resources Committee, and the Consultative Committee, and in restructuring the ICES scientific and advisory processes. From 2001-2004, Colin managed the finfish team at Cefas Lowestoft, responsible for monitoring, assessment and advice for the fish resources of the NE Atlantic, assisting the Deputy Director with advice to senior officials and industry on EU stock recovery programmes. Colin remains professionally active in retirement, with MSC assessments and peer reviews, lecturing, higher degree examinations, plus the provision of reports and advice to the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, which he chairs. He received the Le Cren Medal of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles in 2014, and an Honorary D.Sc. from the University of Hull in 2015. He is the Buckland Foundation Professor for 2015, and an Emeritus Fellow at Cefas Lowestoft.

#### Jo Gascoigne

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 last 8 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.

#### Deirdre Hoare

Deirdre Hoare is an independent fisheries consultant with more than 10 years of experience working in a wide range of projects associated with marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of living aquatic resources. Her principal area of expertise is in relation to stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of both artisanal and commercial fisheries. Her work currently involves evaluation and verification of fisheries management and sustainability against international standards. She also performs fish stock assessments, evaluates data and outlines the limitations.

From 2005 to 2010 she worked as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools.

As well as having worked as a researcher, she completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, North West Atlantic and Irish Coast. She has also experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that she gained working in Scotland. She also works as an assessor for SAI Global in FAO Responsible Fisheries Management and Marine Stewardship Council assessments in both Iceland, Alaska and Ireland.