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Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	Australian Northern Prawn Fish	ner	y											
Assessment number	2 nd Assessment													
Reduced re- assessment (Y/N)	No													
Statement that the fishery is within scope	The fishery entering assessment meets the scope requirements (FCR 7.4) for MSC fishery assessments.													
Certificate sharing statement	N/A													
Estimated	The full assessment will begin January 2017, with a site visit in February of 2017.													
Length of		Month												
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Assessment & Timeline	Activity	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	J
α rimeime	MSC Announcement, including team confirmation, notification of													
	default assessment tree and													
	assessment site visit													
	Stakeholder consultation													
	(ongoing)													
	Assessment visit, stakeholder													
	meetings													
	Examination of evidence, scoring,													
	report preparation													
	Report review and finalization													
	Consultation and confirmation of													
	Peer Reviewers													
	Client review of draft report													
	Peer review of draft report													
	Stakeholder review of draft report													
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Final report/certification determination/objections period							
Certification decision							

Name of proposed Team Leader

Mr. Richard Banks will serve as lead assessor. Richard Banks has considerable MSC experience having served as the Lead Assessor for four prawn trawl fisheries in Australia and on the PNA free school skipjack full assessment. Richard has also designed several fishery improvement plans in South East Asia and the Pacific, and acted as external reviewer to a number of MSC assessments on behalf of WWF. Richard currently works as an advisor to FFA, MFMR, and PNA as an offshore tuna advisor. Richard is an economist and fisheries management and policy programming specialist having worked on similar issues for international agencies, Commonwealth and State Fisheries. Richard holds a bachelor degree in Fisheries Economics and a Masters in Agricultural Economics from the University of Portsmouth, and Imperial College, London, respectively.

- He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries;
- He has passed the MSC team leader training;
- He has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2;
- He has undertaken one fishery assessment as a team member in the last five years
- He has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders.

In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 3 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3.

• MRAG Americas confirms that Mr. Richard Banks has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

Name(s) of proposed assessors

Mr. Kevin Mcloughlin works as a fisheries consultant. His recent work includes Marine Stewardship Council assessment and peer review. In addition, he has undertaken review of fisheries assessed under the World Wildlife Fund Common Wild Capture Fishery Methodology. Previously as a Senior Fisheries Scientist with the Bureau of Rural Sciences he has engaged in a wide range of international and domestic fisheries management and policy. Kevin represented BRS on many committees and groups such as Australian Fishery Management Authority fishery assessment groups (including for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, the Northern Prawn Fishery, the Bass Strait Scallop Fishery, and the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery), DAFF's Shark Implementation Group for implementation of the National Plan of Action for Sharks, and others. He represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and was Chair of the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch for its first 3 meetings. In 2006 he chaired the meeting of the Working Party on Billfish led Australia's delegation during 2 weeks of scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna in Tokyo. In 2008, he represented Australia at a meeting to progress the Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in Bangkok and presented Australia's cooperative approaches with Indonesia to research and manage shared snapper stocks in the Arafura/Timor Seas. These responsibilities required a high

level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organizations. An important aspect of his work is to be able to translate complex fisheries information to a range of audiences.

MRAG Americas confirms that Dr Mcloughlin meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:

- He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries,
- He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years
- He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.

In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms he has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

Ms. Mihaela Zaharia earned her M Sc. In biological and Ecosystem Sciences. Her relevant experience includes involvement as a marine science researcher for Poseidon Aquatic Resources Management Consultants Ltd and National Institute for Marine Research and Development (Gr. Alntipa). Ms. Zaharia has also participated in a number of assessments and Fisheries Improvement Plans and prepared Risk Based Framework templates for the MSC. In addition to her employment history, Ms. Zaharia has also contributed several publications on fishery biology and science. MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Zaharia meets the competency criteria in Annex

PC for team members as follows:

- She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries,
- She has completed the MSC training.
- She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.

In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

Assessment tree to be used

The default assessment tree contained within MSC Certification Requirements version 1.3 will be used for this assessment.

Site visit

The site visit will be in Brisbane, AU February 13-15th. This visit is happening commensurately with the 4th surveillance visit.

MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) reassessment of Australian Northern prawn fishery has begun. The assessment will evaluate the fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries. MRAG Americas has determined that the fishery is in scope.

As part of the assessment, MRAG Americas announces that stakeholder meetings and assessment of relevant documentation will be undertaken with a visit to the fishery in February 2017.

MRAG Americas announcement—Australian Northern Prawn Trawl Fishery

The assessment team will meet in Brisbane, AU February 13 – 15th. The purpose of these meetings is for a fishery assessment and stakeholder consultation to receive information from fishery representatives, government management agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the expedited assessments of the fishery. MRAG will schedule meetings with stakeholders if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

Stakeholders may provide input at any time. We ask stakeholders who wish to meet with the team to make the request for a meeting by 5pm PST on February 1st, 2017.

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 https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view?searchterm=stakeholder+input. You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fishery is available at https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/australia-northern-prawn/@@view.

Please send any documentation, requests for meetings, or inquiries to:

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