



## **Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement**

### **Outcome of Principle 1 pilot harmonisation for North Atlantic swordfish fisheries managed under the auspices of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, representatives of the Conformity Assessment Bodies for the following MSC certified and in-assessment fisheries participated in a pilot harmonization process for Principle 1 (stock assessment) for North Atlantic swordfish fisheries managed under the auspices of ICCAT:

SSLLC US North Atlantic Swordfish Longline:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-west-atlantic/ssllc-us-north-atlantic-swordfish-longline>

US North Atlantic Swordfish:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-west-atlantic/us-north-atlantic-swordfish>

North West Atlantic Canada Longline Swordfish:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-west-atlantic/north-west-atlantic-canada-longline-swordfish>

North West Atlantic Canada Harpoon Swordfish:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-west-atlantic/north-west-atlantic-canada-harpoon-swordfish>

North and South Atlantic Swordfish Spanish Longline:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/in-assessment/north-atlantic/north-and-south-atlantic-swordfish-spanish-longline>

More information on the pilot harmonisation process can be found on the MSC Policy Microsite: <https://improvements.msc.org/database/hms-harmonisation/documents>

The outcome of this meeting included an agreed draft scoring table for Principle 1 for the North Atlantic swordfish stock managed by ICCAT.

The full outcome of the meeting is available on each of the fishery websites listed above.

Stakeholders are invited to review the outcome of the meeting and provide comment on the draft scoring rationales and scores. Comments should be clearly related to specific scoring

indicators and any recommendations should be supported with data or literature citations that the assessment teams are able to evaluate.

Stakeholder are requested to use the MSC template for stakeholder input into fishery assessments <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>

Comments should be submitted by 5 pm, GMT, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to either:

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