

Change in Assessment Team Cornwall sardine fishery

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders of the addition of a new team member to the Cornwall sardine fishery.

MEC is proposing the addition of Mr Ulf Löwenberg to the assessment team.

Ulf Löwenberg has a Master's degree from the University of Hamburg in Fisheries Science. He is a fisheries biologist with more than 30 years' experience in the fisheries sector. This has included more than 15 years' experience in fisheries and advisory projects, including extensive work in Africa and 8 years' project management. Ulf has been involved in a number of MSC pre-assessments, full assessments and surveillance audits based in Europe. These include Swedish Skagerrak and Kattegat herring fishery, North Sea Saithe Trawl fishery and Western Baltic Spring Spawning Herring fishery. A full CV for Mr Löwenberg has been uploaded to the MSC's website separately.

Mr Löwenberg is being added to replace the current team member Dr Joanna Gascoigne who is no longer able to continue the assessment due to other work commitments. The site visit has already taken place on the 6th July 2015, attended by Kat Collinson and Charlotte Tindall. Mr Löwenberg will take over all P3 responsibilities for the assessment.

MEC will directly contact participating Stakeholders to inform them of this proposed change to the assessment team.

MEC is happy to receive comments from any stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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