

MSC Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Western Australia abalone fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 5, 3 annual on-site surveillance audits, 1 off-site audit. Remote (off-site) for third surveillance audit.	
Surveillance number	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	X
	4th Surveillance	
	Other	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Dr. Sabine Daume, Lead auditor and Principle 2 expert</p> <p>Dr. Daume was the lead auditor during the full re-assessment of the fishery and meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in fisheries research of invertebrate species; • She has passed the MSC team leader training; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • She has undertaken more than two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and can effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a <p>Principle 2 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio.inspecta Pty Ltd. confirms that Dr. Daume has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment 	

Proposed team members	<p>Dr. Klaas Hartmann, Principle 1 expert.</p> <p>bio.inspecta Pty. Ltd. confirms that Mr. Hartmann meets the competency criteria</p> <p>in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in applying relevant stock assessment techniques being used by the fishery; • He has primary authorship of at least two peer-reviewed stock assessments of a type used in the fishery; • He has passed the MSC team member training and the MSC Traceability training module; • He has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3. <p>Dr. Hartmann has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery.</p> <p>Together the team meets all competency requirements laid out in Table PC3</p>
Audit/review time and location	<p>The audit will be conducted remotely via conference call on the 14th October 2020. Remote audit to be conducted in line with the MSC derogation due to the Covid-19 outbreak and travel restrictions within Australia.</p>
Timeline and audit activity Justification *Following the MSC Covid-19 derogation, audit timelines were extended by a maximum of 6 months.	<p>The audit was scheduled 5 months after the anniversary date. This is due to the Western Australian state government tender process timeline implemented by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for third party certification. The submittal date for proposal was August 2020 to conduct the third surveillance audit.</p>
Assessment/ review activities	<p>The annual audits will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery for continued certification. The annual review will include participants such as the fishery managers and scientists to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery.</p>

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Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input at the on-site meetings or via email, and/or in being directly informed of future stakeholder announcements, please contact bio.inspecta at seafood@bio-inspecta.com with:

- a. your name and contact details;
- b. your association with the fishery; and
- c. the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Submitted by: Dr. Sabine Daume

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