

**Control Union (UK) Limited**

**French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery**

**MSC Expedited audit Announcement**

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## Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

**Table 1– Surveillance announcement**

<b>1</b>	<b>Fishery name</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Surveillance level and type</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expedited audit on Principle 1. Following the publication of IATTC advice for EPO Yellowfin Tuna published on the 15th of June 2020.</li> <li>- Please note that following the publication of the MSC Guidance for MSC Fisheries CABs relating to the Covid-19 Derogation on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, Section 2.1. states that: “CAB shall follow FCP v2.2 clause 7.29.1. to trigger an expedited audit from the 17 April 2020 until 25 September 2020” - (<a href="https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-covid-19-guidance-for-cabs---fisheries.pdf">https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-covid-19-guidance-for-cabs---fisheries.pdf</a>).</li> <li>- CU UK reviewed the information presented and as per FCP2.2 - 7.29.1 concluded that an “expedited audit” is required for this fishery as the new information may cause a material change in the scoring of Principle 1.</li> <li>- This audit will examine whether or not there is any change in the perceived status of the stock with respect to the scoring of Principle 1 of this fishery</li> <li>- The audit will take place remotely and is effective from the release of this announcement.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Surveillance number</b>	
	<b>1st Surveillance</b>	
	<b>2nd Surveillance</b>	
	<b>3rd Surveillance</b>	
	<b>4th Surveillance</b>	
	<b>Other (expedited etc)</b>	X
<b>4</b>	<b>Proposed team leader</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Chrissie Sieben
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	Team Leader and Principle 2 (P2)
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	Chrissie has a Master’s Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor, and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine

		<p>environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries. She was the MSC Fisheries Scheme Manager at ME Certification Ltd (which later became CU Pesca and subsequently CU UK) up until December 2018. Prior to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant and marine ecologist on UK-based and international projects. Chrissie is now an independent assessor with over eight years' experience with the MSC certification requirements and has acted as Team Leader and P2 assessor on a range of pre-assessments, surveillance audits and full assessments of demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Mediterranean, as well as the Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Pacific Oceans. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops. Chrissie speaks fluent French and Dutch in addition to English. She will act as the Team Leader for this assessment and will be responsible for Principle 2. Chrissie has successfully completed the MSC online training on the application of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF), FCRv2.0 and FCPv2.1. With over 10 years' experience in marine fisheries ecology, and over 5 years' experience working with crustacean fisheries she meets the following criterion in Table PC3: Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Chrissie has completed the MSC online Traceability and holds an ISO19011 certification.</p>
	<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	No conflict of interest has been identified for this fishery
	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	Off-site
	<b>CV</b>	CV available on request
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed team members</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Dr Jo Gascoigne
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	Principle 1 (P1)
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Dr Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales and a shellfisheries and tuna fisheries expert, with over 25 years' experience working in the fisheries sector. In addition to numerous pre-assessments, Dr Gascoigne has considerable experience with tuna fisheries in the MSC programme. On 20 May 2016 a variation request was granted by MSC, qualifying Dr Gascoigne as Principle 1 (P1) assessor for tuna fisheries. Dr Gascoigne has been involved as expert and lead auditor in over 15 MSC pre-assessments and full assessments. Dr Gascoigne has also completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the V2.0 Fisheries Certification Requirements meeting Table PC2. With her extensive experience and knowledge of on tuna fisheries she also meets PC3 criterion. Dr Gascoigne speaks fluent French, the common language spoken by the Client Group and stakeholders</p>
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<b>6</b>	<b>Audit/review time and location</b>	
	<p>Due to Covid-19 pandemic and making use of the MSC Covid-19 derogation (v2.0 April 2020), the site visit will be conducted remotely. The team members will be available to meet stakeholders through phone and/or video calls during the site visit, is scheduled to start on the 15th July 2020.</p>	

7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>During the audit, Control Union (UK) Limited (CU UK) will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments and its impact on Principle 1 scoring.</li> <li>• A review of the current conditions on Principle 1</li> <li>• Harmonization against the other fisheries certified on the MSC program</li> <li>• Any other significant changes in the fishery.</li> </ul>

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CU UK would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact CU UK by email (stakeholderfishuk@controlunion.com), telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Written submissions must be made through the “MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments v4.0” available for download here:

[https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v4-0.xlsx?sfvrsn=ff477696\\_6](https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v4-0.xlsx?sfvrsn=ff477696_6)

Please note that CU (UK) will accept stakeholder input only if submitted using the aforementioned template, or if raised at the site visit (in person or remotely)

*Please note that stakeholders must provide objective evidence and references in support of any claims or any claimed errors of fact.*

*Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery’s assessment nor used as a basis for an objection.*

*Stakeholders may raise issues with the team in confidence for the team to consider at the site visit, but any confidential information cannot be used in scoring unless in compliance with confidentiality requirements.*

*Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery’s country.*