



South African Hake Trawl Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Release of Public Comment Draft Report

The draft report on the MSC certification re-assessment of the South African Hake Trawl Fishery is now available for comment by stakeholders. The report is available at the MSC website (www.msc.org).

Stakeholders are invited to comment at this stage on the factual content of the report, either in relation to specific scoring indicators or sections in the body of the report. Comments should be clearly related to specific scoring indicators or report sections and any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations that the assessment team is able to evaluate.

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Following receipt of comments by stakeholders, Intertek Fisheries Certification will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be certified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available for a further 15 working day consultation period.

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a foolproof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC [here](#).

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at www.msc.org.

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor below.

Comments on the report should be forwarded, before **1700GMT on 9th March 2015**, to Dr Jim Andrews as follows:

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