

Control Union (UK) Limited

Atlantic Ocean tropical tuna French purse seine fishery

MSC Fishery Announcement

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Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

1	Fishery name							
	Atlantic Ocean tropical tuna French purse seine fishery							
2	Assessment number							
	Initial assessment							
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)							
	No							
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope							
	<p>CU (UK) confirms that the fishery under assessment is within the scope of the MSC Fisheries Standard (7.4 and 7.5 of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The target species is not an amphibian, reptile, bird or mammal (FCP v2.2. 7.4.2.1);• The fishery does not use poisons or explosives (FCP v2.2 7.4.2.2);• The fishery is not conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement (FCP v2.2 7.4.2.3);• The client or client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced or child labour violation in the last 2 years (FCP v2.2. 7.4.2.4);• Has the client or client group been successfully prosecuted for shark finning in the last 2 years (FCP v2.2 7.4.2.10);• The fishery has in place a mechanism for resolving disputes, and disputes do not overwhelm the fishery (FCP v2.2 7.4.2.11 and 7.4.2.11iii);• The fishery is not an enhanced fishery (MSC FCP v2.2 7.4.2.12); and• The fishery is not an introduced species-based fishery (ISBF) (MSC FCP v2.2 7.4.2.13). <p>CU UK confirms that the client group has submitted the completed ‘Certificate Holder Forced and Child Labour Policies, Practices and Measures Template’ prior to the start of this assessment.</p>							
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s)							
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		Bissau, Republic of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Sao Tome, Gabon and Angola	
	Fishing Gear Type and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Purse seine (all set types combined)	
	Client group	Orthongel members Compagnie Française du Thon Océanique (CFTO) and Via Ocean	
	Other eligible fishers	None	
6	Certificate sharing statement		
	N/A		
7	Name of proposed team leader		
i	Name	Chrissie Sieben	
	Areas of responsibility	Team Leader, Principle 2, Traceability	
	Competency criteria (Annex PC)	<p>Chrissie has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor, and specializes in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries development. She was the MSC Fisheries Scheme Manager at ME Certification Ltd (MEC) (which later became CU Pesca and is now CU UK) up until December 2018. Previous 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 10 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 Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Indian, Southern, and Pacific Oceans. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops.</p> <p>Chrissie has completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the Fisheries Certification Process v.2.2, as well as ISO 19011 training, and has undertaken more than 2 MSC assessments thus meeting the criteria for team leaders. With over 10 years' experience in marine fisheries ecology, she meets the following criterion in Table PC3: Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Chrissie has completed the Traceability module and has previously worked as a Chain of Custody auditor, therefore, she meets the Table PC3 criterion: Understanding the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.</p> <p>Chrissie speaks fluent French, thus meeting Table PC3.5 criterion (Current knowledge of the country, language, and local fishery context).</p>	
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	On-site or off-site	On-site	
	CV	CV available on request	
8	Name(s) of proposed team members		
i	Name	Dr Jo Gascoigne	

	Areas of responsibility	Principle 1
	Competency criteria (Annex PC)	<p>Dr Jo Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales with over 25 years' experience working in the fisheries sector. Dr Gascoigne has a PhD from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in the USA, which was completed on the Allee effects of the queen conch, <i>Strombus gigas</i>. Jo is an expert on fisheries science and management, with nearly 15 years' experience as a consultant, working mainly on MSC pre-assessments and full assessments, as well as FIP scoping, planning and implementation.</p> <p>Jo has more than 5 years MSC experience with tuna fisheries which includes the SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline fishery, the Walker Seafood's Australian Eastern tuna and billfish tuna fishery, and the French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery. She was also invited to participate in the MSC Hong Kong harmonisation meeting in 2016. Jo has a current Variation Request with MSC to operate as a Principle 1 expert on tuna stocks.</p> <p>Jo has completed the required Fishery Team member MSC training modules for the Fisheries Certification Process v.2.2. Based on the above experience CU UK is confident that Dr Gascoigne meets the competency requirement for P1 - Table PC 3 competency criteria 1 and 2.</p>
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	CV	CV available on request
	Name	Dr Sophie des Clers
	Areas of responsibility	Principle 3
	Competency criteria (Annex PC)	<p>Sophie des Clers is an independent scientific expert in fisheries management systems. She is a qualified MSC auditor and a member of the MSC Peer Review College. She has over 30 years' experience in the formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of fisheries and aquaculture projects to build management capacity in the public and the private sector. Sophie is trained in databases, applied statistics, population dynamics, economics, law and public policy. She has a PhD in Biometrics and a Master's degree in Public Policy.</p> <p>It is proposed that Sophie would have primary responsibility for Principle 3. The qualifications listed above provide Sophie with the appropriate skills to meet competency criteria PC3.4 "Fishery management and operations". Sophie has completed the MSC Team Leader training modules for the Fisheries Certification Process V2.2 and has participated in a number of MSC assessments as P3 assessor. She also speaks fluent French, the main language in which the fishery operates, and thus meets the Table PC3 requirement "Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context".</p>
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9	Stakeholder opportunities	
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	<p>Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments on the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) published on the MSC website for this fishery. Written submissions must be made through the “MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments v5.0”.</p> <p>Please note that CU (UK) will accept stakeholder input only if submitted using the aforementioned template, or if raised at the site visit.</p>																							
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13	Assessment tree modifications																							
	N/A																							
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	Deadline for stakeholder comment: at 20/03/2023 17:00 UTC
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Submitted by: Julia Nebolsina

Date: 17/01/2023

Control Union (UK) Limited (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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Comments must be made using the [Template for Stakeholder Input into MSC Assessments](#).

Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses.

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.

Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

Chrissie Sieben - Team Leader, Principle 2, Traceability

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