



MSC Surveillance Announcement v2.01

FISHERY NAME:

**ARGENTINE ANCHOVY (*Engraulis anchoita*), BONAERENSE STOCK, SEMI-
PELAGIC MID-WATER TRAWL NET FISHERY**

Certificate code: MSC-F-30018 / F-OIA-P-0200

CERTIFICATION BODY:

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Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name
	Argentine anchovy (<i>Engraulis anchoita</i>), Bonaerense stock, semi-pelagic mid-trawl fishery
2	Surveillance level and type
	<p>The original anniversary date of the certificate was delayed for six months (December 2019) according with FCPv2.1 – 7.28.8.1, due the fishery management cycle and the expected delivery of conditions according to the Client Action Plan. Fishing season is conducted in September-November of each year and data collected to perform milestones of condition established during re-certification process are analyzed during December-March. Relevant technical reports are internally reviewed and approved by third parties involved in the execution of action plan during April, when they become available for public. So, the 6-month flexibility allows to align surveillance audits with key dates in the circumstances of the fishery.</p> <p>However, the Covid-19 outbreak in Argentina impacted the circumstances of fishery described above. Although data was collected during 2019 fishing season, internal revision and approval process of technical reports was affected. However, this exceptional circumstance proposed a challenge to access information and complete approval process of technical reports by client group and scientists involved. Technical reports were finally available to conduct the surveillance process in July 2020.</p> <p>According Coronavirus Announcement Derogation (28 February 2020) and MSC Covid-19 Derogation version 2 April 2020, site visits of fishery assessments (including surveillance) allow to be conducted remotely. At the moment, Argentina Government was established quarantine measures that restrict travels between Provinces and in-person meetings. So, this surveillance audit will be carried out remotely with client group and stakeholders.</p> <p>Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the MSC has issued a derogation that allows a 6-month extension for all fishery certificates, condition deadlines and fishery assessment/audit activities. Therefore, new anniversary date of the certificate is 21 June and all surveillance activities were delayed to June.</p> <p>For this time, MSC Covid-19 Derogation allow to CABs still apply FCPv2.1 – 7.28.8.1, considering the 6-month deviation to apply to a recalculated anniversary date. For example, if the anniversary date is 1st January, the CAB may apply the 6-month deviation to 1st June. Therefore, the CAB could conduct the surveillance audit 6 month before or after 1st June. Therefore, the third surveillance audit for Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock will be carried out in the proposal time (31 August 2020).</p>
3	Surveillance number
	1 st Surveillance
	2 nd Surveillance
	3 rd Surveillance X
	4 th Surveillance
	Other (expedited etc)
4	Proposed team leader
	<p>Eng. Pedro A. Landa – Fishery Team Leader (remote participation)</p> <p>OIA has verified that Eng. Landa meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC1.2 of FCPv2.1, including MSC General Certification Requirements v2.4.1. mentioned in the Table 1:</p> <p>-has a university degree in agricultural engineer;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -has over 5 years' experience in environmental management position; -he understands MSC Fisheries Standard and relevant MSC Certification Process and Requirements, approving the MSC's Program Manager training course that includes new module versions (v2.1); -he has passed a course on auditing based upon ISO 19011 recognized by Exemplar Global; -he has further experience in MSC fishery assessment as technical support, including its participation as team member in the Argentine anchovy fishery recertification process (2016); <p>Furthermore, Eng. Landa has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an expert on: fishery management and operations, current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context, experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilities techniques, and understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.</p> <p>Eng. Landa has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock.</p>
5	Proposed team members
	<p>MSc. Juan Vilata - Responsible for Principle 1 and 2 (remote participation)</p> <p>OIA verified that Mr. Vilata meets the fishery member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC1.3 of FCPv2.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -has a university degree in zoologist biology, MSc in Fisheries and Marine Science from University of Aberdeen – UK, and has over 3 years' experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; -he understands MSC Fisheries Standard and relevant MSC Certification Process and Requirements, approving the MSC's fishery team member training course that includes new module versions (v2.1); -Mr. Vilata complies with fisheries management, ecosystem-based approach knowledge and operation qualifications; -has knowledge of a common language spoken by clients and stakeholders, and more than two assignments in the region (Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Peru) in which fishery under assessment is based in the last 10 years -Vilata complies with fish stock assessment methodologies, fishery data collection and analysis, stock biology/ecology and fishing impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems and cascade changes in the marine trophic web; -has knowledge on the different steps in the fisheries assessment process; scoring the assessment tree for each Performance Indicator; and, how conditions are set and monitored; <p>Juan has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock.</p> <p>Lic. Gabriel Sesar – Responsible for Principle 3 (remote participation)</p> <p>OIA has verified that Lic. Sesar meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC1.3 of FCPv2.1, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -has a university degree in economic science; -has over 3 years' management experience in environmental position; -he understands MSC Fisheries Standard and relevant MSC Certification Process and Requirements, approving the MSC's fishery team member training course that includes new module versions (v2.1); -has undertaken more than 2 MSC surveillance visits as a team member in the last 5 years.

	<p>Furthermore, Lic. Sesar has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an expert on fishery management and operations, current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context, and understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.</p> <p>Lic. Sesar has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock.</p> <p>Eng. Carolina Medina Foucher – OIA Technical Support (remote participation)</p> <p>OIA has verified that Eng. Medina Foucher meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in the in Annex PC1.3 of FCPv2.1, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -has a university degree in aquaculture and science marine; -has over 8 years as MSC Program Manager for OIA; -she has passed a course on auditing based upon ISO 19011 recognized by IRCA; -she understands MSC Fisheries Standard and relevant MSC Certification Process and Requirements, approving the MSC's fishery team leader training course that includes new module versions (v2.1); -has supporting as technical support in more than 2 MSC fishery assessment and surveillance audits in the last 5 years; <p>Furthermore, Eng. Medina Foucher has the qualification and competencies required for serving as a technical support expert on MSC Standard, current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context, and understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.</p> <p>Eng. Medina Foucher has no conflicts of interest in relation to the Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock.</p>
6	Audit/review time and location
	Remote – 31 August 2020
7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The audit will cover the condition established in the re-certification process, considering performance of client group in relation to milestones proposed for the third year and new information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -any potential or actual changes to the fishery and/or management systems. -any changes or additions/deletions to regulations. -any personnel changes in science, management or industry and their impact on the management of the fishery. -any potential changes to the scientific base of information, including stock assessments. -any changes affecting traceability, including any developments or changes within the fishery which impact traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non- MSC products. -any changes affecting harmonisation of overlapping fisheries. -any other significant changes in the fishery.

The assessment team will be available over this period to meet with stakeholders; private meetings can be arranged if required. The team will be available to meet with stakeholders by virtual or other means, including at mutually convenient physical locations here it is shown that this would be necessary to effectively communicate key issues. Where stakeholders do not wish to be interviewed, they may submit written information to the team.

To participating in and submitting any comments, MSC has provided a guide and template for stakeholder to complete: 'MSC TEMPLATE FOR STAKEHOLDER INPUT INTO FISHERY ASSESSMENTS V3.0' (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>)

Within 60 days of completing the audit activities, the surveillance report will be published in the MSC website. If it is required that certificate holders review the Client Action Plan, the respective report will be available within 90 days of completing the audit.

Your comments on this issue are welcomed, at this stage, until **August 21st, 2020 – 17:00 UTC**.

If you would like any assistance please feel free to get in touch with us.

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Use of confidential information in fisheries assessment

It is important that stakeholders not to withhold any information, including their concerns and knowledge about the fishery in question. However, information that cannot share with all stakeholders will not be:

- a. Referenced in the assessment*
- b. Used in determining the assessment outcome*
- c. Used as the basis for an objection to a certification*

Also, the information kept confidential is restricted to:

- a. Financial transactions about certification*
- b. The financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being made public*
- c. Information that is subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the client's country*

Appendix 1: Summary of CVs of team leader and team member(s) - optional

Eng. Pedro A. Landa – Fishery team leader (on-site visit participation)

Eng. Landa is graduated in agricultural engineer and has many studies specified in environmental, ecosystem and sustainable development, and, management techniques. He has more than 28 years of experience as Technical Director of OIA, certification assessor process with different standards related with organic food, manufacturing production and fishing sustainability. He has participated in Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*), hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*) and anchovy fisheries certification process as advisor and team member against Principles and Criteria of the MSC.

MSc. Juan Vilata - Responsible for Principle 1 and 2 (remote supporting via Skype)

Mr. Vilata is a zoologist biologist graduated from the University of Valencia with an MSc in Fisheries and Marine Science in the University of Aberdeen. Currently he is a freelance fisheries analyst, for European WWF offices and other NGOs, drafting fishery assessments according to the CAM; which constitute the base for their Sustainable Seafood Consumer Guides. Also, he is member of MSC Peer Review College. Mr. Vilata has previously done similar assessments in North-western Africa and Portugal. In recent years, he has worked as Southern Cone Alliance Coordinator in WWF's improving the sustainability of the regional fisheries. In previous years he has worked in FIP for the artisanal handline tuna fishery in Philippines achieving the introduction of high quality tuna loins in the European market; mediating between Blueyou Consultancy's headquarters and primary stakeholders. He has served as a fisheries observer monitoring at-sea tuna transshipments from Asian longline fleets and the accomplishment of NAFO regulations concerning demersal fisheries. He is the author of many scientific publications and attended several workshops and conventions

Lic. Gabriel Sesar – Responsible for Principle 3 (on-site visit participation)

Lic. Sesar has a degree in economics sciences and has been Consulter in many Argentinean fishery management projects. He has a least 30 years in fishery managements and operations. He has served as team member in Argentine anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*), Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*) and Argentine hoki (*Macruronus magellanicus*) surveillance and re-assessment processes against Principles and Criteria of the MSC.

Eng. Carolina Medina Foucher – OIA Technical Support (MSC Program Manager)

Carolina Medina Foucher, Aquaculture Engineer, is MSC Program Manager for Fisheries and CoC Standards in Organización Internacional Agropecuaria since 2011. She is responsable of the technical execution of all the certification schemes for fisheries, being an auditor of the MSC Standard, is qualified to carry out pre-assessments and full assessments. She has participated as technical support in all OIA's certification process.

For further information, please see CVs attached in the MSC's website.