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**Acoura Marine t/a Lloyd's Register**  
**Muslingeriet Rope Grown Mussel Fishery**  
**MSC Fishery Announcement**  
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# 1 Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

**Table 1 – Fishery announcement**

| 1  | Fishery name   |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
|--|--|-------|-------------|----------------|--|--------------|------------|--|-----------------|
|  | Muslingieriet Rope Grown Mussel Fishery  |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
| 2  | Assessment number  |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
|  | Initial assessment   |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
| 3  | Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)  |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
|  | No   |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
| 4  | Statement that the fishery is within scope   |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
|  | <p>LR reviewed the application form of the fishery under assessment as well as produced the Announcement Comment Draft Report, and can confirm the fishery is in scope in accordance with requirements at §7.4 in the <a href="#">MSC FCP V2.2</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the fishery does not target amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals;</li> <li>the fishery does not use poisons or explosives;</li> <li>the fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement;</li> <li>the client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced labour violation in the last 2 years;</li> <li>the fishery management framework includes a mechanism for resolving disputes and the fishery is not overwhelmed by disputes;</li> <li>the fishery is not an enhanced or introduced species-based fishery; and</li> <li>the client group does not include an entity that has been convicted for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years</li> </ul> |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
| 5  | Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) (Provisional - will be confirmed in accordance with <a href="#">MSC FCP V2.2 7.17.3</a> )   |       |             |                |  |              |            |  |                 |
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| <b>Client group</b>  | Muslingieriet  |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
| <b>Other eligible fishers</b>                                | None   |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
| <b>Geographical area</b>                                     | Limfjorden   |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
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| <b>Other eligible fishers</b>                                | None   |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
| <b>Geographical area</b>                                     | Limfjorden   |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
| 6  | Certificate sharing statement  |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
|  | N/A  |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
| 7  | Name of proposed team leader   |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |
|  | <p><b>Jim Andrews (Team Leader &amp; P3 Assessor)</b></p> <p>Jim Andrews is a marine biologist with over 25 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer (from 1996-2001), and prior to that working for the English Government's nature conservation advisor, English Nature on wildlife and coastal zone management in northwest England (from 1992-1996). During his time with the SFC he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline, as well as assessment and management of fisheries interactions with aquatic ecosystems in this area. He has an extensive practical knowledge of fisheries and environmental management as well as the enforcement and regulation of fisheries under UK and EC legislation. As well as scientific training (BSc &amp; PhD) Jim has formal legal training &amp; qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems in the UK, EU and globally (this particular subject being the focus of his LLM research over the period 1997-99). He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 30 MSC assessments within the UK, in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America and in India since 2007.</p> |                     |                    |                               |  |                          |            |  |                      |                     |               |                               |      |                          |            |

|  | Jim has passed MSC training as a Lead Assessor and in the use of the Risk Based Framework. He has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request   |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
|--|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--|---------|--|------------|--------|---|---------|---------|---|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| 8  | Name(s) of proposed team members  |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
|  | <p><b>Marie Maar (P2 Assessor)</b></p> <p>Marie Maar is a professor at the Aarhus University (AU), Denmark, and holds a PhD degree from AU. She has participated in several large EU- and national funded research projects on the ecology of bivalves, ecosystem dynamics and environmental effects of aquacultures and offshore platforms with special emphasis on blue mussels. In addition, she has conducted environmental assessment consultancy for government departments. Marie has 20 years of experience within marine ecology and has published 58 peer-reviewed papers. She has previously carried out MSC pre-assessment work for a mussel- and oyster fishery and production of rope grown mussels in Denmark. Marie Maar has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request.</p> |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
| 9  | Stakeholder opportunities   |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
|  | <p>Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the ACDR before the site visit. Stakeholders have 60 days to provide input and should submit their input or comments on the ACDR by <b>5pm UTC on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</b>.</p> <p>Stakeholders must submit their using the <a href="#">MSC Template for Stakeholder Input to Fishery Assessments v4.0</a>.</p> <p>Site visit: because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all team members are available to meet remotely (FCP v2.2 7.12.2.e.i). A Variation Request is being submitted in accordance with the MSC derogation on remote initial assessments.</p>  |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
| 10   | Assessment tree to be used  |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
|  | The default enhanced bivalve tree contained within MSC Fisheries Certification Process version 2.2 will be used for this assessment.  |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
| 11   | Estimated timeline  |   |                 |                       |  |         |  |            |        |   |         |         |   |                             |         |   |
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|----|--|-----------------|---|
|    | Publish <b>PCDR</b> to MSC, peer reviewers + stakeholders (30 days)  | 30 days         | 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 |
|    | Publish <b>FDR</b> + Objection template (15-working day objection period)  | 15 working days | 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022    |
|    | Publish <b>PCR</b> + labor policies form within 60 days  |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                  |
|    | <b>Certification</b> (within 10 days of PCR)   |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                  |
|    | <b>Certificate awarded</b>   |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                  |
| 12 | Site visit   |                 |   |
|    | <p>The site visit for this fishery will take place on the week commencing <b>1<sup>st</sup> November 2021</b>. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, LR is submitting a Variation Request for this initial assessment to be conducted remotely, in line with the <a href="#">MSC Feb 26<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 derogation</a>. The result of the VR will be available on the MSC website before the site visit. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here: <a href="https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment">https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</a></p> |                 |   |
| 14 | Local Context  |                 |   |
|    | <p>English is widely spoken in Denmark and Marie Maar is also a fluent Danish speaker and able to translate. Both Jim Andrews and Marie Maar have had assignments in the region in the last ten years and have experience assessing similar fisheries in the region.</p>   |                 |   |
| 15 | Traceability   |                 |   |
|    | <p>Jim Andrews has completed the MSC traceability module in the last five years.</p>   |                 |   |
| 16 | Risk Based Framework (RBF)   |                 |   |
|    | <p>Jim Andrews has completed the RBF training in the last five years.</p>  |                 |   |
| 17 | Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline   |                 |   |
|    | <p>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 1700 UTC</p>   |                 |   |

**The Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) for this fishery is now available for consultation on the fishery's Track a Fishery page.** Please note this does not represent a final outcome, and the scores are based on a review of documents submitted by the client in the Client Document Checklist – we fully recognise changes may be necessary following the site visit and stakeholder comments. Stakeholders can submit comments on the report, which will be published on the MSC website ahead of the site visit. As this is a full assessment, stakeholders have 60 days to submit comments, using the MSC Stakeholder Input form (available to download [here](#)). The deadline for information submission is therefore 22/10/2021 at 5pm UTC.

Please see the MSC's [Summary of Changes](#) document, which includes an overview of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) V2.2, particularly in contrast to previous process versions. Following the ACDR consultation and site visit, stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate at the following stages:

**Public Comment Draft Report:** This version of the report contains updated scores and rationale following the ACDR consultation, site visit, client and peer review. Stakeholders will have 30 days to review the report.

**Final Draft Report:** This presents the draft determination on whether the fishery passes or fails, and includes any changes following the public consultation, with responses to stakeholder input. An objection to the draft determination can be submitted within the 15 working day period (more details [here](#)).

**Annual surveillances:** If the fishery is certified, annual surveillances will monitor progress on open conditions and check ongoing compliance with the standard – stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate annually.

If you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery, and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities, please sign up [here](#) – or contact the LR fisheries team at [fisheries-ca@lr.org](mailto:fisheries-ca@lr.org)

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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

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

*Full CVs are available on request.*

## 2 Template information and copyright

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
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| 1.0                      | 8 October 2014      | Date of issue  |
| 2.0                      | 17 December 2018    | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 |
| 2.01                     | 28 March 2019       | Minor document change for usability                    |
| 2.1                      | 25 March 2020       | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 |

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