



MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment
Japanese Pole and Line Skipjack and Albacore Tuna Fishery
Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification
Nominations for Assessment Team Membership

Intertek Fisheries Certification is currently undertaking the full assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist in this assessment, we are looking to appoint a team of expert advisors with collective knowledge of the stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management framework applicable to this fishery.

The persons proposed as potential team members of this fishery assessment are set out below, together with a brief resume of their background. Potential team members have been selected on the basis of their experience of fishery management, stock assessment and/or ecosystem interactions. The final team will comprise two or three members from the following list. The Lead Assessor for Intertek Fisheries Certification is Jo Akroyd.

Stakeholders are invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. Comments should be sent to jakroyd@xtra.co.nz or to the address above by **10th April 2015**.

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 from the following link:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

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 at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://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.

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Assessment Team Nominees:**Jo Akroyd: Lead Assessor and Principle 3**

Jo is a fisheries management and marine ecosystem consultant with extensive international and Pacific experience. She has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sector as a fisheries manager and marine policy expert. Jo was with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Zealand for 20 years. Starting as a fisheries scientist, she was promoted to senior chief fisheries scientist, then Fisheries Management Officer, and the Assistant Director, Marine Research. She was awarded a Commemoration Medal in 1990 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing New Zealand's fisheries quota management system. Among her current contracted activities, she is involved internationally in fishery certification of offshore, inshore and shellfish fisheries as Fisheries Management Specialist and Lead Assessor for the Intertek Fisheries Certification audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include New Zealand (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops), and Antarctica (Ross Sea tooth fishery).

Dr. Max Stocker – Principle 1

Max is a scientist with 30 years of extensive experience in fisheries science. He is currently proprietor of Stocker & Associates Consultants conducting Marine Stewardship Council certification projects. Max acted as marine fisheries consultant under contract with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to provide scientific advice on highly migratory species in the Pacific Ocean. He was the lead Canadian scientist for highly migratory species for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). He served as co-chair of the Stock Assessment Working Group of the Scientific Committee of the WCPFC and chairs the ISC Albacore Working Group. From 1978-2006 Max held the position of research scientist with DFO at the Pacific Biological Station conducting population dynamic studies, conducting peer reviewed stock assessments of many marine species, and communicating results to fisheries managers and stakeholders. He authored and co-authored over 90 scientific papers and reports, and made over 50 presentations in national and international scientific meetings.

Kevin McLoughlin - Principle 1

Kevin is a specialist fisheries consultant based in Australia who worked for more than 20 years (until 2008) with the Australian Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) as a Senior Fisheries Scientist engaged in a wide range of international and domestic fisheries issues, with close links to government policy. Responsibilities included production of annual BRS Fishery Status Reports which have had a major influence on the direction of Australia's fisheries management and policy. Kevin represented BRS on many committees and groups such as fishery assessment groups, providing advice on a wide range of fisheries and species (including tuna, shark, various finfish, scallop and prawn). He represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and was Chair of the IOTC Working Party on Bycatch from its inception, assisting to establish this group to investigate the ecological aspects of the Indian Ocean tuna fisheries. In 2006, he led Australia's delegation to 2006 scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. Mr McLoughlin has completed MSC training as a Fishery Team Member. Relevant MSC experience includes being a member of the team undertaking the full assessment of the Fiji albacore longline fishery and pre-assessment of another tuna fishery. He was a member of a team that conducted a pre-assessment for Australia's Commonwealth government-managed fisheries. He was a peer reviewer for the New Zealand albacore troll fishery and for the North and South Pacific American Albacore Fishing Association fisheries. Mr McLoughlin was also a member of the team undertaking surveillance audits of the New Zealand albacore troll fishery and is currently contracted on several additional MSC assessments. Kevin also works outside of MSC on a range of fisheries sustainability issues. Recent work includes risk assessment of fishing gear used in fisheries off eastern Australia as a precursor to the development of marine protected areas, and review of World Wildlife Fund tuna sustainability assessments.

Dr Kevin Stokes – Principle 1

Kevin has experience in all three MSC Principle areas. He has acted as assessor, peer reviewer and auditor for MSC assessments around the world, has carried out pre-assessments for clients, has supported clients during certification and re-certification assessments, and was actively involved in MSC default assessment tree, performance indicator and scoring guideline developments.

Kevin was Chief Scientist with the New Zealand Seafood Industry Council Ltd (SeaFIC) from 2000 to 2009, having previously worked for 15 years in the United Kingdom at the Lowestoft fisheries laboratory. Kevin has extensive fisheries science, policy and operations experience and has worked globally with and for industry and government. He currently runs his own consulting company (stokes.net.nz Ltd), providing science, policy and management support to varied clients around the world.

Dr Satoshi Ishikawa – Principle 2

Satoshi is an associate professor of Research Institute for Humanity and Nature. His expertise is in global fisheries science and conservation of natural living resources. He started his research from marine resources biology, and then expands the field to resource analysis, ichthyology, genetics of natural populations and conservation ecology.

He has scientific research experience on fish distributing in tropical and temperate area and of fishing impacts on fish resources of APAC and Japan. Satoshi authored and co-authored around 60 scientific papers and reports, and made around 80 presentations and lectures in scientific meetings. He previously worked for Department of Fishery, School of Marine Science and Technology, Tokai University as an associate professor. He also was a member of the team of an MSC assessment of the Tosakatsuo skipjack pole and line fishery.