

## MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	a) Faroe Islands Tusk b) Faroe Islands Ling																		
<b>Assessment number</b>	Initial assessment																		
<b>Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)</b>	N																		
<b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>	<p>DNV GL confirms that the fishery under assessment meets the scope requirements, which are defined in MSC Certification Requirements Version 2.0 section 7.4.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Requirement</th><th>DNV GL Statements</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ensuring that the fishery is within scope of the MSC standard:</td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fishery is not conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to and international agreement.</li> <li>The fishery does not use destructive fishing practices such as poisons or dynamite</li> <li>The fishery is not the subject of controversy and/or dispute at the time of initialization of the full assessment.</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td>Review of pre-assessment reports and other information;</td><td>The pre-assessment report has been reviewed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Determining if the fishery has failed an assessment within the last two years</td><td>The fishery has not previously failed an assessment or had a certificate withdrawn.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Confirming the proposed units of assessment and certification</td><td>Unit of Assessment is specified in the description below Unit of Certification is specified in the description below</td></tr> <tr> <td>Determining if IPI stocks are caught;</td><td>There are no IPI species to the target ling and tusk species</td></tr> <tr> <td>Determining if the fishery is enhanced</td><td>The fishery is based on wild production, there is no enhancement involved</td></tr> <tr> <td>Determining if the fishery is based on an introduced species</td><td>Tusk and Ling is indigenous to the area, and the fishery is thus not an Introduced Species Based Fishery.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ensuring that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws</td><td>DNV GL confirms that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Requirement	DNV GL Statements	Ensuring that the fishery is within scope of the MSC standard:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fishery is not conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to and international agreement.</li> <li>The fishery does not use destructive fishing practices such as poisons or dynamite</li> <li>The fishery is not the subject of controversy and/or dispute at the time of initialization of the full assessment.</li> </ul>	Review of pre-assessment reports and other information;	The pre-assessment report has been reviewed	Determining if the fishery has failed an assessment within the last two years	The fishery has not previously failed an assessment or had a certificate withdrawn.	Confirming the proposed units of assessment and certification	Unit of Assessment is specified in the description below Unit of Certification is specified in the description below	Determining if IPI stocks are caught;	There are no IPI species to the target ling and tusk species	Determining if the fishery is enhanced	The fishery is based on wild production, there is no enhancement involved	Determining if the fishery is based on an introduced species	Tusk and Ling is indigenous to the area, and the fishery is thus not an Introduced Species Based Fishery.	Ensuring that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws	DNV GL confirms that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws
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<b>Certificate sharing statement</b>	In case of a new Certificate Sharing Agreements the client will use agreements as they have done for the existing certified Saithe fishery. Specific Certificate Sharing Agreement for Tusk and Ling will be established before the on-site assessment, but is not enclosed here due to vacation during the time of the announcement.																		

Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	Estimated length of full assessment: 12 months		
	Name	Start	End
	Entering full assessment	20/07/2017	21/07/2017
	Site visit	05/09/2017	08/09/2017
	Peer reviewer nominations	18/08/2017	18/08/2017
	Public comment draft report	31/01/2018	31/01/2018
	Final Report and decision	30/04/2018	30/04/2018
	Public certification report	29/06/2018	29/06/2018
Name of proposed Team Leader	<b>Lucia Revenga – Principle 2 expert and Team Leader</b>		
	<p>Lucia Revenga is a marine scientific, specialized in Fisheries Biology who holds degrees in Marine Sciences and in Environmental Sciences. For 5 years she worked with TRAGSA for the Spanish General Marine Secretariat, conducting researches on the biology and stock status of different species, such as bluefin tunas, skipjack tunas, albacores, mackerels, sardines, eels, prawns, Norway lobsters, halibuts. She has also taken part in oceanographic surveys focused in the search of vulnerable marine ecosystems. Since 2011 she works for IFAPA (Institute for Research and Training in Fisheries) as a Fisheries biology teacher for fishermen. She also conducts research in fishery local activities with the aim of increasing community awareness of the conservation of coastal ecosystems and encouraging sustainable fishing practices. She has been involved as a P2 expert on the Danish Swedish Nephrops assessment and on the AKER BioMarine Krill Fishery reassessment.</p> <p>Lucia`s qualifications meet the competence criteria defined in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC, for the Team-leader. Lucia has no conflicts of interest in relation to the UoA under her responsibility.</p>		

<b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b>	<p><b>Lucia Revenga – Principle 2 expert and Team Leader</b></p> <p>For description, see above.</p> <p><b>HANS LASSEN Principle 1 Expert</b></p> <p>Hans Lassen is an independent consultant. He holds a cand. scient. (M.Sc.) from Copenhagen University (1969) and a HD (B.Sc.) from the Copenhagen Business School (1978). His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models.</p> <p>He joined the Danish Institute of Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFRES) in 1971. 1988-1992 he worked in the Greenland Fisheries Research Institute as Deputy Director and Director and returned to DIFRES in 1992. Between 1998 and 2003 he was in charge of the Fisheries Group in the ICES Secretariat as Fisheries Adviser who serves as secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. After 2004 he was head of the ICES Advisory Programme within the ICES Secretariat. He retired from the ICES secretariat in 2010 and has since worked as a private consultant on projects within his expertise.</p> <p>He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES committees and groups, has within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization chaired STACFIS and the Scientific Council, been a member of STECF (EC, DG Fish), scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations and chaired an internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program, within the Nordic Council of Ministers he chaired its Working Group on Fisheries and worked with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment. In 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Swedish prize "Kungsfenan" for contributions to communication between science and the fishing industry. At his retirement from ICES he was awarded a Special Service Award. He is author and co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed papers in prime scientific journal and numerous papers for scientific symposia.</p> <p>He has been a member of MSC certification assessment teams for Westgreenland shrimp and lumpfish, and for Barents Sea Demersal trawl fisheries (Greenland). He has acted as reviewer for several MSC assessment reports including cod, haddock, shrimps, anchovy, sardine and vendace.</p> <p><b>Geir Hønneland - Principle 3 and country expert</b></p> <p>Geir Hønneland is Research Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo, Norway, and adjunct professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the University of Oslo and has primarily studied international fisheries management (with a main emphasis on compliance issues), international environmental politics and international Arctic politics more widely. Among his recent books are Arctic Politics, the Law of the Sea and Russian Identity (Palgrave, 2014), Making Fishery Agreements Work (Edward Elgar, 2012), International Environmental Agreements (Routledge, 2011), Arctic Politics and International Cooperation (Routledge, 2007) and Law and Politics in Ocean Governance: The UN Fish Stocks Agreement and Regional Fisheries Management Regimes (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006). He worked in the Norwegian Coast Guard from 1988 to 1994, where he was certified as fisheries inspector. Geir also has a wide range of evaluation and consultancy experience, e.g. for the FAO and OECD, relating to responsible fisheries management.</p> <p>He has been involved in MSC assessments since 2009 (covering cod, haddock and herring fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic and krill in the Southern Ocean).</p>
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	<p>Geir Hønneland has also wide experience as peer reviewer, including for shrimp fisheries in the North-East Atlantic and for other Swedish fisheries.</p> <p>He meets the competence criteria in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC, concerning knowledge of the country, language and local fishery, and has substantial and appropriate skills related to Principle 3. He is trained as a team leader according to v. 1.3 and v.2.0. Geir has no conflicts of interest in relation to the UoAs under his responsibility.</p> <p>He meets the competence criteria in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC and has substantial and appropriate skills related to Principle 3. Geir has no conflicts of interest in relation to the UoA under her responsibility.</p>
<b>Assessment tree to be used</b>	The default assessment tree will be used
<b>Site visit</b>	<p>Location of site visit: Faroe Islands, Tórshavn</p> <p>Date: 05.09.2017 – 08.09.2017</p> <p>Stakeholders interested in meeting the assessment team are welcome to do so during the site visit. Please notify the project manager of the assessment team, no later than 2 weeks prior to the site visit. Details of venue will be given upon request.</p>

DNV GL seeks to open a dialogue with all organizations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the full-assessment process (in terms of the status of the stocks, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV GL. Please use the “MSC template for stakeholder input v2” for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>

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## APPENDIX 1: CLIENT CERTIFICATE SHARING STATEMENT

## APPENDIX 2: CVS OF TEAM LEADER AND TEAM

