



AGARBA SPAIN BARENTS SEA COD ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST SURVEILLANCE AUDIT

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CERTIFICATION
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BUREAU VERITAS Certification is pleased to announce that we will be conducting the first annual surveillance audit for the AGARBA Spain Barents sea cod after the client transferred the fishery contract from FCI to Bureau Veritas Certification.

In the final report was determined an on-site surveillance audit.

The purpose of the annual surveillance of the fishery is:

- review and evaluate the progress on the conditions and issues raised in prior assessment.
- review any potential or actual changes in management systems.
- review any changes or additions/deletions to regulations.
- review any personnel changes in science, management or industry to evaluate impact on the management of the fishery.
- review any potential changes to the scientific base of information, including stock assessments.

The audit will be conducted on site commencing **7 of January 2015**. The auditors that will carry out the surveillance audit will be Macarena GARCIA SILVA as team leader, and Lisa BORGES.

Macarena's academic background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the Madrid Polytechnic University (Spain) and a Master degree in Sustainable Management of Marine and Coastal Systems from Barcelona University (Spain). She was a manager in Inemar (Association for innovation in marine resources and sea studies). She has worked as an assistant in the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, carrying out different projects involving human activities and sea resources.

She has participated in several scientific publications, such as the "Ecological framework for the management of the different habitats in Spain (Council Directive 92/43/CE)", "Supporting report accompanying the thematic cartography of the MedRAS Project", and "Draft of the Basis for Marine Planning in Spain". She was responsible for the scientific and technical coordination of the bilingual publication "The Seas of Spain" from the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, and responsible for the scientific and technical coordination of the bilingual publication "Human Activities in the Seas of Spain".

She has been working as seafood auditor for Bureau Veritas Iberia (Agrofood Department) since September 2011, which involves the technical development of private sustainable labels and seafood companies' policies. She is the lead auditor for Friends of the sea, MSC fisheries full assessment and pre-assessment, the chain of custody, and other quality labels (DOP, Mexillon de Galicia, Pesca de Rías).

To finish she is the team leader of several MSC full assessment currently in process. One of those is the LFA Latvia trawl and gillnet eastern Baltic cod fishery.

Lisa is an experienced fishery scientist, with extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, and discards and bycatch in particular, as well as fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management programmes, and discard policy development. She has experience in assessing pelagic and demersal stocks, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated and led several Fisheries Improvement Projects over the last three years.

Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland.

She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes: IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa also worked for the European Commission in Belgium, developing conservation policies for fish stocks in Atlantic waters. Lisa currently runs her own consulting firm, FishFix (www.fishfix.eu).

To conclude, Lisa Borges is the expert for Principle 1 and 2 of the LFA Latvia trawl and gillnet eastern Baltic cod fishery..

The audit team will open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with an interest in this fishery. Stakeholders as managers, scientists, industries and environmental NGOs, who should have any comment or information on this fishery that feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise Bureau Veritas Certification using the contact details given below.

We may be able to connect by phone or email with stakeholders as appropriate during the audit period. Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input to the annual surveillance process, please contact Bureau Veritas Certification and provide:

- a) Your name and contact details
- b) Your association with the fishery
- c) The issues you would like to discuss or pass on

Information on this fishery and last certification report can be found at:

Comments should be sent, preferentially before the 4th of January 2015, to:

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