

**Stakeholder Notification regarding 1) the certificate transfer so the change of CAB; 2) the change to the Re-Assessment team; 3) an additional site visit; 4) the Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments; and 5) the change in the indicative Re-Assessment timeline for the Re-Assessment of the below fishery.**

## **ISF Norwegian & Icelandic herring trawl and seine**

### **1) Certificate transfer and change in CAB**

July 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 is the agreed transfer date on which all rights and obligations for maintaining the certificate passes from the preceding CAB, Lloyd's Register, to SAI Global. Therefore, SAIG Global is now the current CAB and continues to carry out the Re-Assessment of the above fishery.

### **2) Change to the Re-Assessment Team**

To assist with this Re-Assessment, SAI Global wishes to announce the change in the Re-Assessment Team. The proposed Re-Assessment Team comprises members with experience and expertise in the areas of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate for this fishery. The change is outlined below:

- Dr. Virginia Polonio is now the Lead Assessor with primary responsibility for Principle 2 and Traceability. Explanation on how Virginia meets the competency criteria in Annexe PC and confirmation that she has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under re-assessment is provided in Annex 1.
- Conor Donnelly is now the Assessor with primary responsibility for Principle 3. Explanation on how Conor meets the competency criteria in Annexe PC and confirmation that he has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under re-assessment is provided in Annex 1.

Following the change, the composition of the proposed re-assessment team is:

- Dr. Virginia Polonio (Lead Assessor and responsible for Principle 2 and Traceability)
- Conor Donnelly (Assessor responsible for Principle 3)

- Dr. Maciej Tomczak (Assessor responsible for Principle 1). Maciej was part of the initial re-assessment team as responsible for Principle 1. Explanation on how Maciej meets the competency criteria in Annexe PC and confirmation that he has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under re-assessment is provided in Annex 1.

### **3) Additional site visit**

SAI Global wishes to notify stakeholders that an additional on-site visit will be held the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **4) Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments**

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies.

Therefore, SAI Global wishes to invite organisations or individuals with an interest in this fishery to meet with the Re-assessment Team and/or provide information relevant to the re-assessment process.

SAI Global would like to encourage stakeholders not to withhold information, including their concerns and knowledge about the fishery in question. At the same time we must inform you that we are unable to reference or use information that cannot be shared with all stakeholders. Confidential information relates to either; 1) financial transactions about certification; 2) the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being made public, or; 3) information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the Client's country.

Prior to becoming involved, and to ensure effective participation in the MSC process, SAI Global would encourage stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the process using the resources provided on the MSC's website ([www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)).

The Re-assessment Team will be available for direct consultations with stakeholders during the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**If you would like to speak with the Re-assessment Team, please advise us of your interest by 17:00 UTC on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019, providing the following details when doing so:**

- Your name and contact details.
- Your association with the fishery.
- The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

If you do not wish to be interviewed, or if you are unavailable during the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, you may instead make a written submission to the Re-assessment Team. Written submissions must be made via the 'MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments' which can be found on the MSC website (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/1>).

**5) Change to the indicative re-assessment timeline**

SAI Global wishes to notify stakeholders that the indicative re-assessment timeline for this fishery has been changed. The revised timeline can be viewed on the MSC website.

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## **Annexe 1 – Re-Assessment Team Competencies and Qualifications**

### **Dr. Virginia Polonio – Lead Assessor and responsible for Principle 2 and Traceability**

Dr. Virginia Polonio is a member of SAI Global's internal fisheries team.

Virginia has a degree in Environmental Sciences (B.S.c. University of Cádiz). She has a Master degree (M.Sc. University of Cádiz) in Fisheries Management and Aquaculture. She obtained her PhD in Biodiversity and Natural resources at the University of Oviedo and during her PhD she gained experience in the field of research of fisheries and Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs). During her PhD, she gained skills in the fields of benthic ecology and management of ecosystems.

She has participated in the Spanish National Basic Plan of Data to collect and evaluate the fishing activities in ICES and CECAF areas where Spanish fleets realize their activities. She carried out feeding habit and age/size studies of *Pagellus Bogaraveo* and others commercial species (hake, anchovy, sharks, mackerel, squid, etc.) to define trophic and predation levels of commercial species in the Gulf of Cadiz and the Strait of Gibraltar.

She has worked on several full assessments such as ISF Capelin, ISF Mackerel, CSHMAC Herring, Cantabrian Sardine, North Atlantic Albacore, Squat lobster, Blue sharks and Swordfish, among others as a Lead Assessor and Team member responsible for P2. She has also participated in Surveillances and pre-assessments acquiring experience in the MSC certification.

Virginia meets the Fishery Team Leader Qualification and Competency Criteria outlined in FCR v.2.0 Annex PC, Table PC1.

She has:

- A degree in a relevant subject.
- Well in excess of 5 years' fisheries experience.
- Passed MSC's fishery team leader training within the last 3 years.
- Undertaken more than 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as a team member in the last 5 years.
- Experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques.

Virginia has a Ph.D. in marine ecology and fisheries management for protecting VMEs specialization from the University of Oviedo, Spain. She completed MSC's Fishery Team Leader training for MSC CRv.1.3, FCR v.2.0 and FCP v.2.1 and passed Lead Auditor ISO 19011 course.

Virginia has led numerous MSC assessments in the last 5 years in Iceland and South America including the full assessment and surveillance audit of ISF Iceland mackerel and ISF Iceland capelin.

Virginia will be in charge of coordinating the Assessment Team's work and be responsible for the completion of the audit in accordance with FCR v.2.0.

In addition to leading the Assessment Team, Virginia will be the team's expert on Principle 2 and Traceability. She meets the Principle 2 and Traceability components of the Fishery Team Qualification and Competency Criteria in Annex PC, Table PC3; she has:

- 5 years more experience in research into, policy analysis for, or management of, fishery impacts on aquatic ecosystems.
- Pass MSC's Traceability training module.
- Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context.

Virginia has over 10 years' experience working with, environmental conditions, fisheries management systems and ecosystem impacts. Her specialisation is in fisheries management system to control and monitor possible impacts on ecosystems and macroinvertebrates populations present in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and has studied population of vulnerable species to define fishing measures to protect them.

She passed the MSC's traceability training and she has worked as lead assessor in other MSC fisheries being responsible for traceability sections.

She is fluent in English which is the common language used by the key stakeholders in Iceland and had 2 assignments in Iceland in the last 10 years as she was involved in the initial assessment and the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance audits of ISF Iceland mackerel and ISF Iceland capelin.

Virginia does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

### **Conor Donnelly – Assessor responsible for Principle 3**

Conor is a member of SAI Global's internal fisheries team.

Conor is an experienced marine ecologist and environmental manager with a background of over 17 years at the UK statutory nature conservation body, Natural England, where he was Senior Marine Adviser responsible for marine delivery across the East Midlands, Norfolk and Suffolk. He has a BSc. in Environmental Science from King's College, University of London and an MRes. in Marine and Coastal Ecology and Environmental Management from the University of York.

Conor has extensive experience of working with fisheries managers, the fishing sector, local communities and eNGOs, particularly from assessing the environmental impacts of mussel, cockle and shrimp fisheries in The Wash, UK and providing advice on their management. He was Natural England's representative on the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and its predecessor. He also advised and supported the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on fisheries casework in the southern North Sea under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) including meetings with other member states. Other experience includes Marine Protected Area designation, conservation advice and condition assessment; conservation legislation and policy; and working with partners and stakeholders to deliver positive environmental outcomes.

Conor meets the Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria outlined in 5Annex PC, Table PC2 and PC3; he has:

- A degree in a relevant subject.
- 5 years' fisheries experience.
- Passed MSC's fishery team member training within the last 3 years.
- Review of updates to MSC Fisheries Program Documents.
- 5 years' or more experience as a practicing fishery manager and/or fishery/policy analyst.
- Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context.

He has a BSc. in Environmental Science from King's College, University of London and an MRes in Marine and Coastal Ecology and Environmental Management from the University of York. He has passed the MSC online training FCR v.2.0 and the ISO 19011 Lead assessor course.

Conor has an extensive experience (10 years) in Marine Ecology, Conservation Legislation (EU and UK), Fisheries Management, Strategic Planning/ Risk Management.

English is his mother tongue and is also the common language used by the key stakeholders in Iceland. Further, Conor has more 2 years' experience in relevant fisheries in the last 15 years and he has been working in Icelandic fisheries in the last two years.

Conor does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

#### **Dr. Maciej Tomczak – Assessor responsible for Principle 1**

Maciej is a marine ecologist with a PhD in Oceanology from the Institute of Oceanology at Gdansk University and Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia, Poland. During his professional career he's worked at DTU-Aqua in Denmark and Stockholm University (Sweden). During his work at Stockholm University he is responsible for fisheries analysis at ecosystem context. For 18 years, he was highly involved in activities within the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). Among other ICES activities he co-chaired the ICES/HELCOM Working Group on Integrated Assessment of Baltic Sea and a number of workshops. He is an author of more than 30 scientific publications and a number of reports in the field of fisheries ecology. He has extensive knowledge about fisheries assessments, ecological modeling and ecosystem-based fisheries management.

Maciej meets the Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria outlined in Annex PC, Table PC2 and PC3; he has:

- A degree in a relevant subject.
- 5 years' fisheries experience.
- Passed MSC's fishery team member training within the last 3 years.
- Review of updates to MSC Fisheries Program Documents.
- 5 years' or more experience applying relevant stock assessment techniques being used by the fishery under assessment.
- 5 years' or more experience working with the biology and population dynamics of the target or species with similar biology.
- Knowledge of a common language spoken by clients and stakeholders.

Maciej has a PhD in Oceanology from the Institute of Oceanology at Gdansk University and Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia, Poland. During his work at Stockholm University he is responsible for fisheries analysis at ecosystem context. For 18 years, he was highly involved in activities within the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). Among other ICES activities he co-chaired the ICES/HELCOM Working Group on Integrated Assessment of Baltic Sea and a number of workshops. He is an author of more than 30 scientific publications and a number of reports in the field of fisheries ecology. He has extensive knowledge about fisheries assessments, ecological modeling and ecosystem-based fisheries management.

Maciej has passed the MSC training in the last 3 years and is fluent in English which is the common language used by the key stakeholders in Iceland.

Maciej does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.