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Ekofish Group – North Sea twin rigged otter trawl plaice

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1 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name	
	Ekofish Group – North Sea twin rigged otter trawl plaice	
2	Surveillance level and type	
	Off-site surveillance	
3	Surveillance number	
	4th Surveillance	X
4	Proposed team leader	
	<p>Jim Andrews – Principle 2 expert and Team Leader.</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 & PhD) Jim has formal legal training & 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> <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.</p> <p>Jim has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.1 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1.</p>	
5	Proposed team members	
	<p>Giuseppe Scarcella – Principle 1 expert</p> <p>Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree, he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian National Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR), now Institute for Biological Resources and Marine Biotechnologies (IRBIM). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR first and CNR-IRBIM later he has gained experience</p>	

	<p>in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblage evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otolith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. Since 2018 Dr. Scarcella is in the permanent staff of CNR-IRBIM as researcher. During the same years, he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea as well as in the European context. He was member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF) from 2012 to 2019 and is chair of the STECF-EWG Assessment of balance indicators for key fleet segments and review of national reports on Member States efforts to achieve balance between fleet capacity and fishing opportunities. He is author of more than 50 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national, and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats, stock assessment of demersal species and evaluation of fisheries management plans. For some years now, Dr Scarcella has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 1 of the Standard.</p> <p>Giuseppe Scarcella has passed the most updated MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p> <p>Geir Hønneland – Principle 3 expert</p> <p>Geir Hønneland holds a PhD in political science from the University of Oslo (2000) and has studied international fisheries management (with main emphasis on enforcement and compliance issues), international environmental politics and international politics in Polar regions. He was affiliated with the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo for more than 20 years, as PhD student and research fellow (1996-2006), research director (2006-2014) and director (2015-2019). Among his fisheries-related books is Making Fishery Agreements Work (Edward Elgar, 2012; China Ocean Press, 2016). Before embarking on an academic career, he worked five years for the Norwegian Coast Guard, where he was trained and certified as a fisheries inspector. Geir has been involved in MSC assessments since 2009 and has acted as P3 expert in approx. 50 full assessments and re-assessments, as well as a number of pre-assessments and surveillance audits. His experience from full assessments includes a large number of demersal, pelagic and reduction fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic, North Pacific and Southern Ocean, as well as inland, bivalve and enhanced salmon fisheries. In the Northeast Atlantic, he has covered the international management regimes in the Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Baltic Sea, and the national management regimes in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Scotland and Germany, as well as the EU level. He is qualified as an MSC Team Leader (Fisheries Standard v2.0, Fisheries Certification Process v2.1) and Chain of Custody Auditor (v2.0) and has also passed the ISO 19011-2018 course as Lead Auditor – Management Systems Auditing. Since 2019, he has been affiliated with Lloyd's Register as Senior Project Manager for Northern Europe, Scandinavia and Russia.</p> <p>Geir has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p>
Local Context	Both Jim and Giuseppe have conducted multiple audits in the region over the last 5-10 years.
Traceability	Both Jim and Giuseppe have conducted multiple audits in the region over the last 5-10 years.
RBF	Jim has completed the RBF training.
6	Audit/review time and location
	<p>We expect to conduct any meetings as required during week commencing 17th August remotely via Microsoft teams. We may be able to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest at your earliest convenience prior to the audit, giving the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).

7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>We are interested in understanding whether there have been changes since both fisheries were first certified in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the scientific base of information including stock assessments;• the management system;• relevant legislation, regulation, policies;• personnel involved in science or management; and,• traceability. <p>All conditions raised at the first re-assessment have now been closed. One condition was raised at the 3rd surveillance audit, progress against the pre-existing condition will be assessed at the 4th surveillance audit in the next certificate cycle (if re-assessment is successful).</p>

Stakeholder Comment

If you would like to speak with the assessment team, please contact LR before the audit date so we can organise conference call facilities. If you would like to submit comments for the team to review, please use the [Stakeholder Input form](#) and submit to fisheries-ca@lr.org

Please provide your comments **before** the site visit date (17.00 UTC on the 16/08/2020) or at least let us know you will providing input so we can plan accordingly.

The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:

<https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment>

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Appendix 1: Summary of CVs of team leader and team member(s) - optional

Full CVs are available upon request.

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