



**Fiji Albacore Tuna Longline Fishery
MSC Certification
Certification Body: Intertek Moody Marine**

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Intertek Moody Marine is currently undertaking the main assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council 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 in alphabetical order, 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 expert advisors from the following list. The coordinating Assessor from Intertek Moody Marine will be Dr Andrew Hough.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by the 12th **June 2011** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Andrew Hough at:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

Lead auditor and Expert advisor P3: Jo Akroyd.

Jo Akroyd is Director and Principal Consultant of Jo Akroyd Ltd, an International consultancy company specialising in marine fisheries policy and marine ecosystem and community based management. She has also provided services in quality system implementation and training in project management and negotiation skills. Prior to a career in consultancy, she was manager of International Projects at the Auckland University of Technology and Director of Quality and Strategic Management and Assistant Director of Marine Research at the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Wellington, New Zealand. Her specific experience relating to MSC assessments includes acting as Lead auditor and team member on the assessment of the Tosakatsuo Suisan Skipjack tuna Japan, the NZ albacore troll, Hokkaido scallops Japan, NZ southern scallop and providing specialist inputs on Principle 3 (Fisheries management), the NZ hoki fishery the Ross Sea Toothfish fishery and NZ EEZ fisheries

Expert advisor P2 : Tim Huntington

Tim Huntington is an experienced fisheries assessor, having lead on seven fisheries assessments and participated in a number of others, mainly specializing in Principle 2 (ecosystem impacts). He has also conducted a number of pre-assessments and chain of custody assessments and also developed the MSC group chain of custody on behalf of MSC's Technical Advisory Board.

Relevant MSC experience include conducting a pre-assessment for tuna fisheries in the Western Central Pacific for FFA and he is currently lead assessor and P2 specialist on the Maldives pole and line tuna assessment. Tim also works outside of MSC, specializing in sustainability issues in fisheries and aquaculture for a wide range of clients including the EC (DG Mare and DG Env), World Bank, FAO, WorldFish Centre, GEF, Danida, as well as e-NGOs such as WWF, RSPB and the UK Wildlife Trusts. Tim's experience of tuna fisheries stems from the environmental impact assessment work he did in conducting evaluations of the impacts of EU purse seine and long-line fishing fleets in Mauritius and Tanzania. More recently Tim was part of a two-person team evaluating the regional Indian Ocean tuna tagging programme and its contribution to the assessment of Indian Ocean tuna stocks. Tim has a Masters degree in Applied Fish Biology and is a Director of Poseidon Aquatic Resource Management and is based in the UK.

Expert advisor P1: Kevin McLoughlin.

Kevin McLoughlin is a specialist fisheries consultant who previously worked with the Australian Bureau of Rural Sciences 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 BRS Fishery Status Reports which have had a major influence on the direction of Australia's fisheries management and policy. Responsibilities required a high level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organisations. An important aspect of his work has been to be able to translate complex fisheries information to a range of audiences.

He represented BRS on many committees and groups such as the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's fishery assessment groups (including southern shark, scallop, northern prawn, western tuna), the Australian Shark Implementation Group for the National Plan of Action for Sharks and others. From 2005 to 2008 he was Chair of the Department of Environment and Heritage National Shark Recovery Group. Mr McLoughlin represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and as Chair of their Working Party on Bycatch, and led Australia's delegation to 2006 scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

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