

**\*\*\*ADVISORY\*\*\***

**PNA TUNA (SKIPJACK - TUNA (*KATSUWONUS PELAMIS*) FISHERY  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT  
& EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR  
YELLOWFIN TUNA (*THUNNUS ALBACARES*)**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The fishery was MSC certified on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011. The current audit will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery in the Assessment.

As part of the surveillance audit visit, the SCS surveillance team will also be conducting an expedited Principle 1 audit of Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) Annex CL, MSC Certification Requirements v1.3).

The surveillance team from SCS will be conducting a meeting **Nadi, Fiji on 17-18 November, 2014** and will be available for a stakeholder meeting during that time.

SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery and to receive input on the new expedited Principle 1 assessment.

Mr. Sandy Morison is proposed as the Principle 1 expert to conduct the expedited P1 assessment. Full CVs of team members have been provided; short biographies are on pages 3.

**Fishery under surveillance:**

Unit of Certification	
<b>Species</b>	Skipjack Tuna ( <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> )
<b>Gear Type</b>	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, FS Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.
<b>Geographical Area</b>	Purse seine
<b>Management System</b>	PNA implementing arrangements, FFA administered minimum terms and conditions (MTCs), National Management Plans and WCPFC CMMs
<b>Client Group</b>	PNA office on behalf of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federal states of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu

This notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and please provide

- a) your name and contact details;
- b) your association with the fishery; and
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please contact **SCS by 1700 GMT 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2014** regarding the proposed Principle 1 expert (Mr. Morison) for the involved in the expedited Principle 1 assessment.

**Please contact SCS by 1700 GMT 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014** if you like to meet with the team or to submit any information for the surveillance audit or the expedited P1 assessment.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

The surveillance audit will be conducted by Dr. Sabine Daume (SCS Lead Auditor) and Sandy Morrison (SCS – Principle 1 Expert). The surveillance team clearly meets the requirements of the Certification Requirements v1.3 (2013).

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### **Dr. Sabine Daume, SCS Global Services (SCS), Regional Director Australasia**

Dr. Daume is the Regional Director for the SCS Sustainable Seafood Program in Australasia, which covers MSC, ASC and Fisheries Improvement programs. Since 2009, Dr. Daume has led numerous MSC evaluation audits on behalf of SCS, including several large and controversial assessments, and several in Australia.

Dr. Daume is a marine biologist with special expertise in the biology and ecology of exploited marine resources. Dr. Daume has over 13 years' experience working closely with the fishing and aquaculture industry in Australia. She holds a PhD in marine biology from La Trobe University in Victoria, Australia and an MSc in Marine Biology and Marine Chemistry from Kiel University in Germany. Prior to joining SCS, Dr. Daume worked as a Senior Research Scientist at the Research Division of the Department of Fisheries in Western Australia. She has extensive experience working with diverse groups, often in remote marine temperate and tropical environments. She has worked with industry personnel at all levels (divers, technicians, managers, executive officers) as well as policy makers and managers in government departments. Dr. Daume led the WA rock lobster assessment in 2011 and Heard Island and McDonald Islands (HIMI) icefish re-assessment in 2010 as well as the South Australian Lakes and Coorong annual surveillance and re-assessment in 2013. She also led the HIMI toothfish assessment in 2010 and Macquarie Island toothfish assessment in 2011, as well as numerous audits in USA, Canada, Mexico and Japan. Dr. Daume has been trained by the MSC to use the Risk Based Framework (RBF) of the MSC Certification Requirements (v1.4 Jan 2014). She is a certified lead auditor under the ISO 9001:2008 standard.

### **Alexander "Sandy" Morison – Morison Aquatic Sciences, Lead auditor SCS Global Services**

Mr. Morison is a consultant specializing in fisheries and aquatic sciences. He has over 30 years' experience in fishery science and assessment at state, national and international levels and has held senior research positions for state and national organizations in Australia. He is currently chair of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna and has been engaged in the Kobe process for harmonisation of measures across the tuna RFMOs.

Mr Morison was the facilitator for an assessment of the ecological risks from Queensland's East Coast Trawl Fishery that looked at the full range of ecological components. He was senior author of the report that synthesised background information and the results of an expert workshop, and was co-author of the summary and technical reports that described the results of the project. He was subsequently engaged to assist with an assessment of this fishery's vulnerability to climate change.

Mr. Morison has participated as part of a team undertaking MSC pre-assessments for several fisheries and has been the Principle 1 expert for the MSC certification assessments or surveillance audits of assessments of the Heard Island and McDonald Islands (HIMI) Icefish Fishery, the HIMI

Toothfish Fishery, the Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery, the Kyoto Danish Seine Fishery, the Western Australian Rock Lobster Fishery and the Lakes and Coorong Fishery. Mr Morison is also trained as a lead auditor for MSC assessments by SCS.

Sandy is also contracted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority to chair the Slope Fisheries Resource Assessment Group, the Shelf Fisheries Resource Assessment Group and is the Scientific Representative on the South East Fishery Management Advisory Committee. He has also been the scientific representative on other Resource Assessment Groups. Sandy has experience with the assessment of invertebrate, chondrichthyan and teleost fisheries including commercial and recreational fisheries in freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats and fisheries operating in tropical, temperate and polar environments.

He has particular expertise with fish age and growth and has been involved in the development and implementation of harvest strategies for several fisheries. He has over 20 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals (8 as senior author), 8 book chapters, and over 100 project reports, technical reports, client reports and papers in workshop and conference proceedings.