

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification**Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster trap fishery****Client:****Association des Pêcheurs Propriétaires des Îles-de-la-Madeleine
(APPIM)****Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement**

Name of Fishery	Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster trap fishery
Assessment number	First re- assessment
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	<p>Yes</p> <p>SAI Global confirms that the Îles-de la-Madeleine lobster trap fishery is eligible for reduced re-assessment (FCR 7.24.6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The fishery was covered under a previous certification. The fishery was certified on 16th July 2013 and the certificate has not been suspended;b. The fishery had no conditions remaining after the 3rd surveillance audit. 3 conditions were raised during the initial assessment, condition 1 on PI 1.2.2 Harvest Control Rules and condition 2 on PI 2.2.3 Bycatch species Information were closed at surveillance 2; and condition 3 on PI 3.2.4 Research Plan was closed at surveillance 1.c. SAI Global confirms that all standard related stakeholder comments have been addressed by the 3rd surveillance audit. No stakeholder comments have been submitted during the initial assessment and 1st, 2nd and 3rd surveillance audits.

Statement that the fishery is within scope	<p>SAI Global confirms that the fishery entering assessment is within the scope requirements (FCR 7.4) for MSC fishery assessments [FCR 7.8.3.1].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The target species is not an amphibian, a reptile, a bird or a mammal; • Fishing operations are not conducting using destructive fishing practices such as fishing with poisons or explosives • The fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement and is not overwhelmed by dispute; • The proposed UoA and UoC have been confirmed; • The fishery has not failed an assessment within the last two years; • The client is willing to share the certificate with fishers not part of the client group; • There are no catches of non-target stocks (Principle 2) that are inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) from the target stock (Principle 1); • The lobster trap fishery is not an enhanced fishery; • The re-assessment of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster trap fishery will overlap with the Gaspésie lobster trap fishery (certified in March 2015), Prince Edward Island lobster trap fishery (certified in November 2014) and Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St Lawrence lobster trap fishery (certified in May 2015). • The fishery is not based on an introduced species, lobster being a native species of the Canada Atlantic; and • The fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws.
Certificate sharing statement	<p>All Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster fishermen, whatever association they belong to, are part of the Office des Pêcheurs de Homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine. APPIM and the Office des Pêcheurs de Homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine signed in 2016 a sharing agreement allowing all the lobster fishermen to access the APPIM certificate. According to that agreement, the condition to access the certificate is that the Office provides APPIM with a financial contribution agreed by both parties (Appendix 1).</p> <p>As a result, all Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster harvesters are affiliated to the client group, APPIM, through the Office and all lobsters landed by Îles-de-la-Madeleine lobster harvesters are covered by the certificate.</p>
Estimated Length of Re-Assessment & Timeline	<p>The estimated length of the reduced re-assessment is 9 months. The predicted date by which the re-assessment is expected to be completed and certification re-awarded if the re-assessment result is positive is April 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Client draft report: December 2017 - Peer review: January 2018 - Public Comment Draft Report: February 2018 - Final Report and Determination: March 2018 - Public Certification Report: April 2018 <p>A separate timeline is provided.</p>

Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>Dr. Géraldine Criquet, assessment team leader and Principle 2 expert.</p> <p>SAI Global confirms that Géraldine has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under re-assessment.</p> <p>A short biography is provided in Appendix 2.</p>
Name(s) of proposed assessors	<p>Pr. Jean-Claude Brêthes (Principles 1 and 3 expert)</p> <p>SAI Global confirms that Jean-Claude has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under re-assessment.</p> <p>Short biography is provided in Appendix 2.</p>
Assessment tree to be used	<p>The default assessment tree will be used.</p>
Site visit	<p>The site visit will take place the week commencing the October 2nd 2017 in Cap aux Meules, Îles-de-la-Madeleine.</p> <p>The Risk Based Framework (RBF) will likely be used to score Performance Indicators 2.2.1 Secondary species.</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF) see http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework.</p> <p>Please note we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.</p>
Tree modifications & stakeholder consultation	<p>Not applicable.</p>

Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessment

The above fishery will now enter an information gathering phase prior to assessment site visits. A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies.

SAI Global wishes to invite organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery to make written comment or provide information relevant to the assessment process. To assist in contributing relevant information and to ensure that any contributions have maximum impact stakeholders should use the [Stakeholder Input into MSC Fishery assessments](#) template alongside the [Stakeholder's Guide to the Marine Stewardship Council](#) when providing input.

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period specified in the Site Visit Section of the above Table during which the Assessment Team will be available for direct stakeholder meetings.

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 29th September 2017 giving the following details:

- 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 not wish to be interviewed you may still submit written information to the Assessment Team by completing the aforementioned [Stakeholder Input into MSC Fishery assessments template](#).

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

Stakeholders should be aware that any information that they submit will be made public through the reporting process as required by the MSC FCR v2.0. Any information that is not made available to all stakeholders may not be used in determining the assessment outcome or as the basis for an objection to a certification.

Comments/responses should be sent to:

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Appendix 1: Client certificate sharing statement

**ACCORD
CONCERNANT L'ACCÈS DE TOUS LES PÊCHEURS DE HOMARD DE LA ZPH22
AU CERTIFICAT MSC; no. : F-SAI-010**

INTERVIENNENT AU PRÉSENT ACCORD :

L'Association des pêcheurs propriétaires
des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, ci-après appelée :
l'Association ou APPIM

représentée par son président,
monsieur Mario Déraspe, dûment
mandaté à cet effet par résolution
de son conseil d'administration
en date du 2016-10-12

ET

L'Office des pêcheurs de homard
des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, ci-après appelé :
l'Office

représenté par son président,
monsieur Jérémie Cyr, dûment
mandaté à cet effet par résolution
de son conseil d'administration
en date du 2016-10-05

1. Reconnaissance

- ◇ L'Office des pêcheurs de homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine reconnaît que toutes les démarches et coûts reliés à l'obtention de la certification Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) en 2013 ont été réalisés et assumés par l'Association des pêcheurs propriétaires des Îles-de-la-Madeleine (APPIM).
- ◇ L'Office reconnaît avoir été informé que l'unité légendaire depuis 40 ans des pêcheurs de homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine sous une seule association; l'APPIM, est scindée en quatre factions :
 - Les pêcheurs solidaires (Association des pêcheurs propriétaires des Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
 - Les pêcheurs opposés à l'APPIM (Rassemblement des pêcheurs et pêcheuses des côtes)
 - Les pêcheurs anglophones coopérateurs (Inshore Fishermen Association)
 - Les pêcheurs n'appartenant à aucune des trois factions précédentes
- ◇ L'Association reconnaît avoir été avisée directement par le Marine Stewardship Council que le homard des pêcheurs qui ne sont pas membres de l'Association ne serait plus certifié MSC à moins que le Groupe client; l'Association en vienne à un « ACCORD » pour l'accès général au certificat no. : F-SAI-010 dont elle est propriétaire.
- ◇ L'Office reconnaît avoir été avisé de la situation décrite au paragraphe précédent par l'Association.
- ◇ L'Association reconnaît l'Office comme la seule entité regroupant tous les pêcheurs de la zone de pêche homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine (ZPH22), sans exception, dans son organisation.
- ◇ L'Association reconnaît l'Office, parmi les associations ou groupes de pêcheurs de homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine existants autre que l'APPIM, comme la seule, sous la condition d'accès définie à l'article 2 de la présente entente, à pouvoir permettre à chacun des pêcheurs ayant quitté l'Association des pêcheurs propriétaires des Îles-de-la-Madeleine de ne pas perdre la certification MSC de leurs captures.



2. Condition d'accès

En respect de la condition énoncée à l'article 2.1, l'Association permet à tous les pêcheurs de homard de la ZPH22, d'accéder au Certificat MSC; no F-SAI-010 dont elle est propriétaire.

- 2.1 L'Office à titre d'organisme rassembleur de tous les pêcheurs de homard de la ZPH22, s'affilie à l'Association en versant à celle-ci la contribution annuelle moyenne déterminée par le conseil d'administration de l'APPIM selon l'article 3.

En contrepartie du respect par l'Office de la condition d'accès énoncée à 2.1, l'Association assumera les coûts reliés à la certification MSC des captures pour le bénéfice de tous les pêcheurs de la ZPH22, soit chacun des 325 pêcheurs de homard de l'Office.

3. Acquittement de la contribution

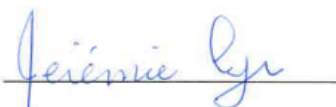
La contribution de l'Office énoncée à l'article 2.1 doit être acquittée au plus tard, le 1^{er} septembre de chaque année, exception faite de l'année d'entrée en vigueur du présent accord où celle-ci doit être versée avant le 1^{er} novembre.

4. Déclaration commune

Nous croyons que le présent accord est conclu dans le meilleur intérêt de chacun des 325 pêcheurs de homard des Îles-de-la-Madeleine.



Mario Déraspe, président
Association des pêcheurs propriétaires
des Îles-de-la-Madeleine



Jérémie Cyr, président
Office des pêcheurs de homard
des Îles-de-la-Madeleine



Date



Date



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Appendix 2: Short biography of assessment team members

Dr. Géraldine Criquet, assessment team leader

Géraldine is an MSC approved Fisheries Team Leader for SAI Global - experienced fishery scientist in both Finfish and Shellfish fisheries, and ecosystems considerations. Géraldine holds a PhD in Marine Ecology (École Pratique des Hautes Études, France) which focused on coral reef fisheries management, Marine Protected Areas, fish ecology and ecosystem impacts. She worked 2 years for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) at Reunion Island for studying fish target species growth and connectivity between fish populations in the Indian Ocean using otolith analysis. She served as Consultant for FAO on a Mediterranean Fisheries Program (COPEMED) and developed and implemented during 2 years a monitoring program of catches and fishing effort in the Marine Natural Reserve of Cerbère-Banyuls (France). Géraldine is an experienced full time MSC Lead Assessor with SAI Global, successfully leading MSC certifications and assessment teams and acting as Principle 2 expert for multiple MSC Pre, Full and Surveillance audits including full assessments and surveillance audits of Canadian lobster trap fisheries.

Pr. Jean-Claude Brêthes, assessor

Jean-Claude is a fisheries biology professional at the Institut des sciences de la mer at the Université du Québec à Rimouski. Previously he has held positions at Board, Chair and Director level for University undergraduate and post graduate fishery science/marine/oceanography courses, scientific advisory councils and committees for various government organizations such as the Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Advisory Council. His key experiences have been focused upon the dynamics and ecology of exploited species. In particular, Jean- Claude has conducted various projects on the ecology of snow crab, lobster and cod in locations in Atlantic Canada. He has published and presented several scientific papers in lobster fisheries in key journals and science fora and has also taken part in several MSC and related studies including lobster fisheries in this and other regions.