



Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS
CANTABRIAN SEA PURSE SEINE ANCHOVY FISHERY
MSC Surveillance Announcement

1 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name
	CANTABRIAN SEA PURSE SEINE ANCHOVY FISHERY
2	Surveillance level and type
	The surveillance level included in the third surveillance report was Level 5 (3 on-site surveillance audits and 1 off-site surveillance audit). However, Bureau Veritas propose a remote audit for this last 4 th surveillance audit changing from Level 5 to Level 4. The details can be checked in Appendix 2.
3	Surveillance number
	1st Surveillance
	2nd Surveillance
	3rd Surveillance
	4th Surveillance
	Other (expedited etc)
4	Proposed team leader
	<p>Macarena García Silva, she meets the qualification and competency requirements for team leader, traceability and the CoC Standard set out in Annex PC of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1. She also has knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context.</p> <p>Macarena's academic background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the Madrid Polytechnic University (Spain) and a Master degree in Sustainable Management of Marine and Coastal Systems from Barcelona University (Spain). She was the manager in Inemar (Association for innovation in marine resources and sea studies) developing sustainable projects. She has worked as an assistant in the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, carrying out different projects involving human activities and sea resources.</p> <p>She has participated in several scientific publications, such as the "Ecological framework for the management of the different habitats in Spain (Council Directive 92/43/CE)", "Supporting report accompanying the thematic cartography of the MedRAS Project", and "Draft of the Basis for Marine Planning in Spain". She was responsible for the scientific and technical coordination of the bilingual publication "The Seas of Spain" from the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, and responsible for the scientific and technical coordination of the bilingual publication "Human Activities in the Seas of Spain"</p> <p>She is the MSC fisheries manager at Bureau Veritas and specialises in sustainable fisheries. She has particular expertise with the MSC Certification requirements and has completed numerous MSC full assessments, pre-assessments, surveillance audits. Furthermore, she is in charge of other seafood sustainable projects developing private sustainable labels and seafood companies' policies. She is lead auditor for Friends of the sea, MSC Chain of custody, and other quality labels (DOP, Mexillon de Galicia, Pesca de Rías).</p> <p>She meets the qualification criteria for local knowledge, local fishery context and traceability. Bureau Veritas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery audit.</p>
5	Proposed team members

	<p>Gemma Quílez holds a Biology degree from Barcelona University (Spain), an MSc in Natural Resource Management from Leicester University (UK) and a PhD in Marine Biology from Newcastle upon Tyne University (UK).</p> <p>She has around 20 years of experience working in Marine Biology, Marine Ecology, Marine Conservation Biology and Fisheries. In 1998, she did her MSc thesis on neritic and oceanic fish larvae from the Irish Sea. From 1999 to 2001 she worked at the ICM-CSIC (Marine Science Institute) of Barcelona (Spain) on trophic ecology of pelagic species larvae and participated in different oceanographic cruises on board the RV García del Cid. In 2004, while doing her PhD on Marine Invasive species, she was employed at the Fisheries Research Institute of Kavala, Greece, to conduct a study on trophic ecology of anchovy larvae. Also, during her PhD (2001-2006), she participated on several research cruises on board the RV Bernicia. Once she finished her PhD she went to work on marine invasive species for the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (USA) until 2010.</p> <p>From 2010 until 2016, she worked as fisheries policy officer for the Mediterranean Programme of WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) in Barcelona, Spain. As such she worked on fisheries regional and international policy processes (e.g. GFCM, ICCAT, MedAC), mostly on Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna and at ICCAT, both at a scientific and policy level. She also participated in the creation and in the following functioning of the co-management committee of the Catalan sandeel fishery.</p> <p>Since 2010 until present she has been working studying the biology, ecology and population dynamics of Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna and being deeply involved in the stock assessment of the species at ICCAT level.</p> <p>In addition, from 2008 until 2018 she has been one of the two the Spanish representatives at two ICES working groups (WGBOSV - Working Group on Ballast and Other Ship Vectors, and WGITMO - Working Group on Introductions and Transfers of Marine Organisms).</p> <p>Her experience (over 8 years) studying the biology, ecology and population dynamics of Atlantic bluefin tuna, deeply involved with ICCAT, as well as her previous work on trophic ecology of pelagic species larvae, proves her capacity to meet the qualification and competency criteria for PC3 (i) Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Her 6 years as WWF fisheries officer working on fisheries policy processes (mostly on Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna) and on the co-management of the Catalan sandeel, proves her capacity to meet the qualification and competency criteria for PC3 (ii) Fishery management and operations. She complies with the current Annex PC of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1. She does not have a conflict of interest with the fishery.</p>
6	Audit/review time and location
	The remote audit is going to be undertaken between the 13 ^h and 14 th of May 2019. Skype meetings or conference calls will be organised with the stakeholders.
7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The team will assess the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory framework and fishery management system (objectives, mechanisms for decision-making, monitoring, control, inspection, evaluation), including compliance of the certified fleet. ; Changes affecting the 'management loop' (outcome, management, information) assessed in the initial certification process for the certified species and the other species impacted by the fishery, as well as for marine habitats and ecosystems impacted by the fishery. Changes within the fishery which may impact traceability, focusing on the segregation MSC product from non-MSC product Fishery performance in relation to the conditions of certification, verify whether progress is "on target" and re-score if applies; <p>And will perform the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Call with the managers of the companies included in the client group; Actively seek the views of stakeholders.

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

The BIO of each member is included in the announcement. The CVs can be send upon request.

Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency - if amended since PCDR

Table 2 – Surveillance level rationale			
Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4	Off-site audit	2 auditors off-site	<p>Progress on conditions 2.2.3 and 2.3.3 will be assessed against evidence provided by the client to prove the assessment fleet is engaged in a monitoring program to record interactions with By-catch and ETP species.</p> <p>The CAB is aware that AZTI is providing this service to the Basque, Asturias and Galician vessels included in the certificate while the Cantabrian Research Institute is providing it to the Cantabrian fleet. These institutions and fleets are collaborating within a wider framework which embraces the action plans of other certified fisheries that are also involved (the Bay of Biscay purse seine sardine fishery and North Atlantic Albacore fishery). Bureau Veritas has recently been auditing the progress on the sardine fishery and therefore the different stakeholders have been contacted. All relevant stakeholders (OPEGUI, OPESCAYA, OPACAN, AZTI; SGP) will be available for call and will provide the evidence in a digital format.</p> <p>Main stakeholders are familiar with the assessment process and easy reachable conference, phone and/or emails. Therefore, Bureau Veritas proposes to have an off-site audit in year 4.</p>

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit			
Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
4	24 March 2019	13 th and 14 th of May 2019	The 4 th surveillance audit was expected to take place on-site at the same time as the re-certification site visit of the fishery. Due to the new release of the Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 the CAB in agreement with the client, decided to separate both process. The re-certification contract is still under consideration by the client group.

Table 4 – Fishery surveillance program				
Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 4	On-site	On-site	Off-site	Off-site surveillance audit.



				The re-certification site visit will take place separately.
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