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Spencer Gulf King Prawn Fishery

MSC Surveillance Announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

1	Fishery name	
	Spencer Gulf king prawn	
2	Surveillance level and type	
	Level 1, off-site	
3	Surveillance number	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	X
	Other (expedited etc)	
4	Proposed team leader	
	<p>Mr. Richard Banks will serve as lead assessor. Richard Banks has considerable MSC experience having served as the Lead Assessor for four Australian prawn trawl assessments, including Spencer Gulf, and on the PNA free school skipjack full assessment. Richard has also designed several fishery improvement plans in South East Asia and the Pacific, and acted as external reviewer to a number of MSC assessments on behalf of WWF. Richard currently works as an advisor to FFA, MFMR, and PNA as an offshore tuna advisor. Richard is an economist and fisheries management and policy programming specialist having worked on similar issues for international agencies, Commonwealth and State Fisheries. Richard holds a bachelor</p>	

	<p>degree in Fisheries Economics and a Masters in Agricultural Economics from the University of Portsmouth, and Imperial College, London, respectively</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Mr. Banks meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • He has passed the MSC team leader training; • He has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • He meets ISO 19011 training requirements; • He has undertaken two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • He has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 3 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Mr. Banks has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
5	<p>Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i></p> <p>Ms. Mihaela Zaharia earned her M Sc. in biological and Ecosystem Sciences. Her relevant experience includes involvement as a marine science researcher for Poseidon Aquatic Resources Management Consultants Ltd and National Institute for Marine Research and Development (Gr. Altipa). Ms. Zaharia has also participated in a number of assessments and Fisheries Improvement Plans and prepared Risk Based Framework templates for the MSC. In addition to her employment history, Ms. Zaharia has also contributed several publications on fishery biology and science.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Zaharia meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • She has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years; • She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored; • She has passed the MSC Traceability training module. <p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Mcloughlin works as a fisheries consultant. His recent work includes Marine Stewardship Council assessment and peer review. In addition, he has undertaken review of fisheries assessed under the World Wildlife Fund Common Wild Capture Fishery Methodology. Previously as a Senior Fisheries Scientist with the Bureau of Rural Sciences he has engaged in a wide range of international and domestic fisheries management and policy. Kevin represented BRS on many committees and groups such as Australian Fishery Management Authority fishery assessment groups (including for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish</p>

	<p>and Shark Fishery, the Northern Prawn Fishery, the Bass Strait Scallop Fishery, and the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery), DAFF's Shark Implementation Group for implementation of the National Plan of Action for Sharks, and others. He represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and was Chair of the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch for its first 3 meetings. In 2006 he chaired the meeting of the Working Party on Billfish led Australia's delegation during 2 weeks of scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna in Tokyo. In 2008, he represented Australia at a meeting to progress the Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in Bangkok and presented Australia's cooperative approaches with Indonesia to research and manage shared snapper stocks in the Arafura/Timor Seas. These responsibilities required a high level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organizations. An important aspect of his work is to be able to translate complex fisheries information to a range of audiences.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. McLoughlin meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years; • He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored. <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms he has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>The whole assessment team collectively meets the requirements as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>A discussion between team members regarding conflict of interest and biases was held and none were identified.</p>
6	Audit/review time and location
	<p>A remote site visit will occur in conjunction with the fishery reassessment the week of 14-18 September 2020.</p> <p>The MSC Covid-19 Derogation allows CABs to conduct assessment site visits as off-site visits for the duration of the 6-month derogation period (27th March 2020 – 27th September 2020).</p>
7	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The surveillance will review any changes in science and management, and will monitor progress in closing out conditions.</p>

MRAG Americas invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant, including knowledge and concerns about the fishery, to the surveillance and expedited assessments of the fisheries. Unless covered by FCP 4.4.1 any information that cannot be shared with other stakeholders even under a confidentiality agreement shall not be: referenced in the surveillance audit, used to determine the surveillance audit outcome or used as the basis for an objection to certification. The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment> and a template for stakeholder response available at [MSC program supporting documents](#). You must use the template to provide your response. All comments and inquiries should be directed to MRAG Americas. MRAG will schedule meetings with stakeholders if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

We request that stakeholders provide written information or request a meeting by 5pm UTC on 7 September 2020.

More information on the fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/spencer-gulf-king-prawn/@@view>.

Please send any documentation, requests for meetings, or inquiries to:

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

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Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency -

1. The announcement shall include a rationale for any reduction from the default surveillance level following FCP v2.1 7.28.4-7.28.7.
2. The announcement shall include a rationale for any deviations from carrying out the surveillance audit before or after the anniversary date of certification.
3. The announcement shall include a completed fishery surveillance program.

Table 2 – Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4	Off-site	3 auditors	The MSC Covid-19 Derogation allows CABs to conduct assessment site visits as off-site visits for the duration of the 6-month derogation period (27 th March 2020 – 27 th September 2020).

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
4	Due to the Covid-19 derogation the new certificate date is January. Previous date was July.	September 2020	Timing has changed due to the MSC Covid-19 derogation.

Table 4 – Fishery surveillance program

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
No change in surveillance level				