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**Kochi and Miyazaki Offshore Pole and Line Albacore and Skipjack  
fishery**

**MSC Fishery Announcement**

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## Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

**Table 1 – Fishery announcement**

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<b>2</b>	<b>Assessment number</b>																				
	Initial assessment																				
<b>3</b>	<b>Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)</b>																				
	No																				
<b>4</b>	<b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>																				
	<p>CU (UK) confirms that the fishery under assessment is within the scope of the MSC Fisheries Standard (7.4 of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The target species is not an amphibian, reptile, bird or mammal;</li> <li>- The fishery does not use poisons or explosives;</li> <li>- The fishery is not conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement;</li> <li>- The client or client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced or child labour violation in the last 2 years;</li> <li>- The fishery has in place a mechanism for resolving disputes, and disputes do not overwhelm the fishery;</li> <li>- The fishery is not an enhanced fishery as per the MSC FCP 7.4.6; and</li> <li>- The fishery is not an introduced species-based fishery as per the MSC FCP 7.4.7.</li> </ul> <p>CU (UK) confirms that the client group has submitted the completed 'Certificate Holder Forced and Child Labour Policies, Practices and Measures Template' prior to the start of this assessment.</p> <p>The fishery overlaps with the following fisheries in the MSC programme:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fishery</th><th>Stock</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin, unassociated / non FAD set, tuna purse seine</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> <tr> <td>Solomon Islands skipjack and yellowfin tuna purse seine and pole &amp; line</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tri Marine Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin tuna</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> <tr> <td>Japanese Pole and Line skipjack and albacore tuna fishery</td><td>WCPO skipjack Northern Pacific Albacore</td></tr> <tr> <td>PT Citraraja Ampat, Sorong pole and line Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> <tr> <td>CHMSF British Columbia Albacore Tuna North</td><td>Northern Pacific Albacore</td></tr> <tr> <td>AAFA and WFOA North Pacific albacore tuna</td><td>Northern Pacific Albacore</td></tr> <tr> <td>Talley's New Zealand Skipjack Tuna Purse Seine</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tropical Pacific yellowfin and skipjack free-school purse seine fishery</td><td>WCPO skipjack</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Fishery	Stock	PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin, unassociated / non FAD set, tuna purse seine	WCPO skipjack	Solomon Islands skipjack and yellowfin tuna purse seine and pole & line	WCPO skipjack	Tri Marine Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin tuna	WCPO skipjack	Japanese Pole and Line skipjack and albacore tuna fishery	WCPO skipjack Northern Pacific Albacore	PT Citraraja Ampat, Sorong pole and line Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna	WCPO skipjack	CHMSF British Columbia Albacore Tuna North	Northern Pacific Albacore	AAFA and WFOA North Pacific albacore tuna	Northern Pacific Albacore	Talley's New Zealand Skipjack Tuna Purse Seine	WCPO skipjack	Tropical Pacific yellowfin and skipjack free-school purse seine fishery	WCPO skipjack
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	Competency criteria (Annex PC)	<p>Cora meets the Fishery Team Leader criteria in Table PC1. She has a Master's degree in Biology from Leiden University, and has passed the online fishery team leader training. Previously, she worked for the Dutch Fish Product Board from 2007-2013 as Policy Officer, 'Nature and Spatial Planning'. Her work focused mainly on Natura 2000 procedures and shrimp and flatfish fisheries and included the Marine Framework Directive. She was also shellfish Policy Officer and worked closely with the Dutch shellfish industry (mainly mussels, but also oysters, Ensis, and cockles). From 2013-2017 Cora has worked as an expert independent consultant to a broad cross-section of fishing organisations. Notable achievements include working on assessment of Dutch fisheries (both generic and specific) and their impacts, as well as working as an advisor with regards to spatial planning, and nature conservation laws. From 2017-2019 she worked for CU UK (CU Pesca at the time) and from 2020 onward, she is an Associate of CU UK, which allows her to combine her MSC work with a wider range of consultancy projects. Cora meets all Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria (Table PC2).</p> <p>Cora has completed the required Fishery Team member MSC training modules for the new V2.01 Fisheries Certification Requirements (Table PC1), along with the RBF (Table PC3.7) and Traceability training (Table PC3.6). ISO 9001 qualified</p>
	Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery	There are no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
	CV	Available on request
<b>8</b>	<b>Name(s) of proposed team members</b>	

Name	Dr Jo Gascoigne
Areas of responsibility	Principle 1
Competency criteria (annex PC)	<p>Dr Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales and a shellfisheries and tuna fisheries expert, with over 25 years' experience working in the fisheries sector. On 20 May 2016 a variation request was granted by MSC, qualifying Dr Gascoigne as Principle 1 (P1) assessor for tuna fisheries, her main responsibility for this assessment. Dr Gascoigne is a fully qualified MSC Team Leader and has been involved as expert and lead auditor in MSC pre- and full assessments for the last 10 years.</p> <p>Jo meets all Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria (Table PC2). On 20 May 2016 a variation request was granted by MSC, qualifying Dr Gascoigne as Principle 1 (P1) assessor for tuna fisheries.</p> <p>Dr Gascoigne has completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the V2.0 Fisheries Certification Requirements and for Fishery Certification Process 2.1 and 2.2.</p>
Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery	There are no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
CV	Available on request

Name	Dr. Johanna Pierre
Areas of responsibility	Principle 2
Competency criteria (annex PC)	<p>Johanna has more than 15 years' experience working on commercial fishing and its impacts, in marine and freshwater environments. Her work includes fisheries management, regulation and monitoring, sustainability assessments, audits and evaluations of environmental performance. She also conducts research and works on management and policy that contributes to reducing the environmental effects of fishing. Johanna has worked for government, academia, non-profit organisations and industry. She has a Ph.D. in environmental biology and ecology (University of Alberta, Canada), and a B.Sc.(Hons) (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) and completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Tokyo (Japan). Johanna is a certified MSC fishery team member and Chain of Custody auditor, and meets the requirements as set out in in table PC3 for: 3 years' or more experience in research into, policy analysis for, or management of, the impact of fisheries on aquatic ecosystems (including Bycatch, ETP, Habitats, Ecosystem). She is also a member of the MSC Peer Review College. Her experience covers MSC peer reviews and surveillance audits (P1, P2 and P3), fishery assessments (P2 and P3), and fishery pre-assessments (P1, P2, P3). Johanna has extensive experience living and working on fisheries and other fields of science in Canada, Asia and Australasia (including Japan, China, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand).</p>
Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery	There are no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
CV	Available on request

Name	Yoko Tamura
Areas of responsibility	Principle 3
Competency criteria (annex PC)	Yoko Tamura is an independent consultant who worked recently with the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership to promote Fishery Improvement Projects and buyer engagement in Japan. With a MA in Marine Affairs from the University of

	<p>Washington and a BSc. in Marine Resource Management from the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, she has worked on coastal resources management, fisheries, and sustainable development and has significant current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context. Previously, she was a technical expert for Japan International Cooperation Agency and a project coordinator at Conservation International Japan. She also contributed to the production of a seafood pocket guide in Japan to raise awareness of seafood sustainability issues.</p> <p>Yoko's previous MSC experience includes the MSC assessment of the Kyoto Danish Seine Fishery Federation flathead flounder fishery and, more recently, working with MEC on a number of MSC pre-assessments in Japan.</p> <p>It is proposed that Yoko will bring her extensive experience of the Japanese fisheries sector to the process as Local Co-Ordinator, with primary responsibility for the assessment of Principle 3. Yoko meets the criteria for 'Fishery management and operations' (Table PC 3. 4) and 'Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context' (Table PC3. 5) through her list of work summarised above.</p>
Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery	There are no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
CV	Available on request
Name	Beverley O'Kane
Areas of responsibility	Traceability
Competency criteria (Annex PC)	<p>Ms. Beverley O'Kane joined CU Pesca (now CU UK) as a Fisheries Officer in October 2019. She has a strong background in the fisheries sector and marine sector. Prior joining CU she was involved in marine and environmental consultancy and seafood sustainability, conducting research on English inshore fisheries management and global tuna fisheries. She is experienced in assessing the sustainability of global fisheries using UK and U.S. standards and methodologies, including Seafish, Marine Conservation Society and Monterey Bay Aquarium. Her experience is focused on elasmobranch and shellfish species, particularly on stock status and management principles. She has lived and worked in the fisheries sector in Norway, Ireland and the U.S, including on a shellfish boat in Irish waters. In 2015, Beverley completed an MSc in International Marine Environmental Consultancy from the Newcastle University, during which she completed modules on fisheries governance and management and conducted a thesis on the sustainability and management of a ray fishery.</p> <p>Beverley has completed the required Fishery Team member MSC training modules for the new V2.01 Fisheries Certification Requirements (Table PC1), along with the RBF (Table PC3.7) and Traceability training (Table PC3.6). Beverley is responsible for the traceability part of the assessment.</p>
Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery	No conflict of interest has been identified for this fishery
CV	Available on request
<b>9</b>	<b>Stakeholder opportunities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement Comment Draft Report</li> <li>- Stakeholder input template: <a href="https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/1">https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/1</a></li> </ul>

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	CU (UK) would like to encourage any stakeholder with knowledge relating to this fishery to participate in the site visit meetings, be it in person or remotely.
<b>13</b>	<b>Assessment tree modifications</b>
	The RBF is expected to be used for PI 2.3.1 (ETP species outcome)

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments on the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) published on the MSC website for this fishery. Written submissions must be made through the “MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments v3.0” available for download here: <https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/1>. All team members will be available to meet stakeholders through phone and/or video calls during the site visit, which is scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Please note that CU (UK) will accept stakeholder input only if submitted using the aforementioned template, or if raised at the site visit (in person or remotely).

Submitted by: Beverley O’Kane

Date: 06/07/2020

**Deadline for stakeholder comment: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 17:00 UTC**