

## Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline	
<b>Surveillance level and type</b>	Normal Surveillance, On-site surveillance audit	
<b>Surveillance number (tick one)</b>	1st Surveillance	X
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
<b>Proposed Team Leader</b>	<p><b>Chrissie Sieben</b></p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor. She is the MSC Fisheries Scheme Manager at MEC and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessment and sustainable fisheries. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant for MacAlister Elliott and Partners (MEP), where she worked on a number of projects including the application of WWF Common Methodology to wild capture and aquaculture fisheries for the WWF Hong Kong 'Good Fish Guide', Sustainable fisheries in the Trilateral Wadden Sea, acted as Fisheries Liaison for the London Gateway Project and carried out socio-economic characterisations and impact assessments of commercial fisheries for coastal developments. Prior to her work at MEP, she worked inter alia as a marine ecologist on environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and completed an internship with the Global Environment Facility / UNDP International Waters Programme. She is a fully qualified MSC Team Leader with particular expertise in Principle 2 and is involved in MSC full assessments, pre-assessments and fishery surveillance audits. Chrissie participates regularly in MSC CAB training sessions and workshops and has received in-depth Risk-Based Framework training. Within MEC she has also worked as a Chain of Custody auditor.</p>	
<b>Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]</b>	<p><b>Dr Joanna Gascoigne</b></p> <p>Dr Joanna Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales and a shellfisheries expert, with over 20 years' experience working in the fisheries sector. Dr Gascoigne is has a PhD from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in the USA, which was completed on the Allee effects of the queen conch, <i>Strombus gigas</i>.</p> <p>She is a fully qualified MSC Team Leader and has been involved as expert and lead auditor in over 15 MSC pre- and full assessments. She is currently involved in a number of ongoing full assessments and has an in-depth understanding of the MSC fisheries standard and MSC fisheries certification requirements. During her experience as an MSC auditor, Jo has gained a great deal of experience in interviewing and facilitation techniques. She has also been involved in the use of the RBF on a number of occasions, having completed the required training, and this has also furthered her experience in specific stakeholder interview.</p>	

	Dr Gascoigne has recently completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the new V2.0 Fisheries Certification Requirements.
<b>Audit/review time and location</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 – The audit will be take place in Rarotonga.
<b>Assessment/ review activities</b>	<p>During the audit, MEC will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel.</li> <li>• Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments.</li> <li>• Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification to deem conformity with, progress and performance against a condition.</li> <li>• Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products</li> <li>• Any other significant changes in the fishery</li> </ul>

MEC would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in or contribute to the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald ([gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com](mailto:gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com)) or Kat Collinson ([kat.collinson@macalister-elliott.com](mailto:kat.collinson@macalister-elliott.com)) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Remote meetings can be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT, 30 days from the publication of this announcement.**

Submitted by: Gavin Fitzgerald, MSC Fisheries Officer

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