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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the SZLC, CSFC & FZLC Cook Islands EEZ South Pacific albacore, yellowfin and bigeye longline Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [SZLC, CSFC & FZLC Cook Islands EEZ South Pacific albacore, yellowfin and bigeye longline](#) fishery which is in its first reassessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union Pesca Ltd. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Giuseppe Scarcella
- Jim Andrews
- Joe Powers
- Steve Kennelly

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit [this page of the MSC's website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Giuseppe Scarcella

Dr Giuseppe Scarcella has a PhD in Marine Biology and Ecology and has been a contracted research scientist at the Italian Institute of Marine Sciences - National Research Council since 2008. During these years, he has gained experience in benthic ecology, and population dynamics. He has considerable international field knowledge, such as with EU working groups (DGMARE), STECF, ICES, GFCM, and the FAO regional projects MedSudMed, Adriamed and Eastmed. In addition, he is collaborating with numerous scientific institutions in the horizontal framework project MAREA (scientific advice for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy in the Mediterranean Sea).

As a scientist at CNR-ISMAR, Dr Scarcella is responsible for the sampling design and statistical analyses of several fisheries research programs in the Mediterranean and Black sea, including on artificial structures and their impact on the marine environment. In the framework of such activities he has gained experience in stock assessment, management plans, benthic ecology, fish assemblages of artificial structures, analysis of stomach contents, fisheries ecology, and the application of EAF principles to fisheries management. In 2010 he moved to Cyprus, where he is collaborating as consultant.

Dr Scarcella is an experienced MSC assessor covering Principle 1 and 3 issues. In the last five years he worked as MSC assessor in several areas including the Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Iceland, South Pacific and South Africa.

Jim Andrews

Dr Jim Andrews has over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. He has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Southern Ocean since 2007. He has assessed a wide range of fisheries including finned fish, shellfish, enhanced shellfisheries and also for several data-deficient fisheries requiring the use of the risk based framework (RBF). Jim has also carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK, and also several peer reviews of MSC assessments. In December 2015 he was appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority by the UK Government.

Joe Powers

Dr Joe Powers has been involved in fisheries issues for more than 40 years, conducting stock assessments, coordinating international stock assessment research, communicating scientific advice to fishery management councils and commissions and also serving as the senior marine fisheries manager in the southeast US. His background includes: Professor of Marine Resource Assessment at Louisiana State University; Senior Stock Assessment Scientist of the US's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) southeast region, Laboratory Director of a NMFS facility; lead US scientist for Atlantic tuna, swordfish and billfish species for the International Commission for the conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Chair of the Scientific Committee of ICCAT; Chair of the Stock Assessment Committee for Southern Bluefin Tuna; Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council. He has also worked on numerous Marine Stewardship Council assessments of tunas, swordfish, hake and other fisheries resources in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Steve Kennelly

Dr Steve Kennelly is a fisheries consultant with more than 30 years' experience in obtaining and providing science-based management advice to fishers, managers and ministers. He is the former Chief Scientist of the Australian NSW Department of Primary Industries, Director of Research for NSW Fisheries and has held many other academic and advisory roles. In particular, he has worked extensively on bycatch and discarding issues throughout the world, including running and reviewing large industry-based observer programs and bycatch reduction projects - he literally "wrote the book" on the subject (*Bycatch Reduction in the World's Fisheries*, published by Springer in 2007). He has also supervised hundreds of wild fishery, aquatic ecosystem, agriculture and aquaculture research programs and has worked in many developing countries including Nigeria, Cameroon, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and the Gaza Strip. Currently he has projects running with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the US National Marine Fisheries Service, Papua New Guinea, the Australian Commonwealth government and several state governments. He is a regular speaker and organizer at international fora and conferences, has published hundreds of scientific papers and reports, sits on the Editorial Boards of the world's two leading fisheries journals, on evaluation panels for Australia's Endeavour Awards and Kazakhstan's National Research Proposals and is a member of the International Scientific Advisory Board for the European Union's large "DiscardLess" program (which informs the new Landings Obligation policy). He holds a BSc (Honours), PhD, and a Doctor of Science Degree from the University of Sydney, and is an Adjunct Professor of Macquarie University.