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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Reunion Island Swordfish Longline Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the <u>Reunion Island Swordfish Longline Fishery</u> which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union (UK) Limited. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Chris Poonian
- Jose Peiro Crespo
- Lisa Borges
- Tim Emery

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.

Chris Poonian

Mr Poonian has over 15 years experience in the management of tropical marine ecosystems, with a strong focus on fisheries over the last 12 years. He has extensive work experience in East Africa, South East Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. His experience focuses on ecosystem impacts of fisheries, particularly bycatch, habitat impacts and trophic interactions. His experience spans artisanal, small scale and industrial fisheries. He holds a Masters degree in Aquatic Resource Management and is just completing a PhD On the artisanal Bedouin fisheries of South Sinai, Egypt.

Jose Peiro Crespo

Jose Peiro Crespo is a fisheries biologist with postgraduate studies in Development Cooperation and Sustainable Management. He has overall responsibility for the planning, design, execution, monitoring and evaluation of all the projects at Naunet Fisheries Consultants, a marine consultancy firm based in Norwich (UK). Naunet works for NGOs, the fishing industry and other consultancies conducting fisheries assessments, promoting the sustainable use of marine resources and developing initiatives to improve living conditions in coastal communities in Europe and Africa through advice on marine environmental issues, fisheries and marketing of marine products.

His principal areas of expertise are artisanal and commercial fisheries and rural aquaculture. He has more than ten years of experience working in fishery and aquaculture related projects in Spain, Portugal, Senegal, Morocco, Peru and Mozambique. During this time, he has been involved in a wide range of projects such as the value chain analysis of small-scale fish-farmer communities in the Amazonian basin (Peru), the characterization of artisanal fisheries in the North of Portugal and the analysis of sustainable sources of octopus in the Indian Ocean. He has also recently managed a project to evaluate successful cases of co-management in coastal fisheries in North Western Africa (including Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia) funded by WWF.

He has conducted 50+ fisheries assessments for NGO's such as WWF and the Monterey Bay Aquarium acting as an expert in cephalopod fisheries (octopus, squids). He has also extensive knowledge about the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification process and Fisheries Improvement Projects (FIPs) as he has been participating as a fisheries expert in MSC certifications and reviewing FIPs since 2013 (in Spain, Portugal, Iceland, Scotland, Peru, Chile). He has just finished a review of more than thirty MSC certified fisheries to examine the effectiveness of the MSC certification scheme in assessing and tackling impacts on populations of by-catch species.

Lisa Borges

Dr Lisa Borges has been a fishery scientist for the last 18 years and now runs her own consultancy firm. Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland. She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes, which include IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa has extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, with a particular focus on discards and bycatch in particular. She also has knowledge and experience of fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management plans and discard policy development. Lisa developed conservation policies for Atlantic fish stocks when she worked for the European Commission in Belgium. Lisa has experience in both pelagic and demersal stock assessments, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated as a principle 1 and 2 expert on several assessments.

Tim Emery

Dr Tim Emery is currently a fisheries policy analyst at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) in Canberra. His current research involves examining the capability of electronic monitoring (EM) technologies to successfully monitor and record catch composition and interactions with protected species in commercial fisheries. He is also examining the ramifications of EM use as a replacement or supplement for at-sea observers for international scientific data collection and analyses. Prior to this he worked for almost three years at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Sciences (IMAS) in Hobart, where he modelled the status of local fisheries stocks, conducted research on fisher behaviour and provided scientific advice to stakeholders. Prior to undertaking his PhD at IMAS, which examined the impact of individual transferable quotas (ITQs) management on fisher behaviour in the Tasmanian rock lobster fishery, Dr Emery worked for three years at the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) in Canberra as a senior fisheries management officer. During this time he managed multiple fisheries where he gained a detailed understanding of Australian fisheries governance and management frameworks.

Dr Emery has also undertaken several MSC assessments as expert and assessor, including Walker Seafoods Australian albacore, yellowfin tuna and swordfish longline fishery, and a number of preassessments. He has also worked on some specific MSC-related consultancies.