

bio.inspecta Pty Ltd
Australia Blue Grenadier
MSC Fishery Announcement

Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

1	Fishery name	
	Australia Blue Grenadier	
2	Assessment number	
	First reassessment	
3	Reduced reassessment	
	Yes. This fishery qualifies for a reduced reassessment (FCP v2.1 7.30.8). (see Appendix 3)	
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope	
	bio.inspecta confirms that this fishery meets the scope requirements in FCP v2.1 7.4 for MSC fishery assessments	
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s)	
	UoA 1	Description
	Species	Blue Grenadier, <i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>
	Stock	South eastern Australia
	Geographical area	South eastern Australia, Southern Ocean and Tasman Sea in Australia's EEZ. FAO major fishing area 57 (subarea 6) and FAO major fishing area 81.
	Harvest method / gear	Mid water trawl
	Client group	Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group representing Sealord Petuna Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd
	Other eligible fishers	Fishers engaged by Sealord Petuna Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd fishing in the winter spawning fishery in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector.
	UoA 2	Description
	Species	Blue Grenadier, <i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>
	Stock	South eastern Australia
	Geographical area	South eastern Australia, Southern Ocean and Tasman Sea in Australia's EEZ. FAO major fishing area 57 (subarea 6) and FAO major fishing area 81.

	Harvest method / gear	Demersal trawl
	Client group	Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group, representing Sealord Petuna Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd
	Other eligible fishers	Fishers engaged by Sealord Petuna Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd fishing in the winter spawning fishery in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector.
6	Certificate sharing statement	
	Certificate sharing is available subject to agreement from the client (See Appendix 2).	
7	Name of proposed team leader	
	<p>Ms. Sascha Brand-Gardner, Lead Auditor and Principle 3 expert</p> <p>Ms. Sascha Brand-Gardner meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in fisheries management of finfish species; • She has passed the MSC team leader training; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • She has undertaken more than two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and can effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. <p>bio.inspecta Pty Ltd confirms that Ms. Sascha Brand-Gardner has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>	
8	Name(s) of proposed team members	
	<p>Dr. Emily Fisher, Principle 1 expert</p> <p>Dr. Emily Fisher meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for member as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in fisheries research of finfish species; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC2, section 2; • She has passed the MSC team member training, and 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 assessor as described in Annex PC table PC3. <p>bio.inspecta Pty Ltd confirms that Dr. Emily Fisher has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Lynda Bellchambers, Principle 2 expert</p> <p>Dr. Lynda Bellchambers meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for member as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in fisheries research of finfish species; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC2, section 2; • She has passed the MSC team member training, and • She has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 assessor as described in Annex PC table PC3. <p>bio.inspecta Pty Ltd confirms that Dr. Lynda Bellchambers has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>*Together the team meets all competency requirements laid out in Table PC3. See summaries of CVs in Appendix 1.</p>
9	Stakeholder opportunities
	<p>We ask stakeholders to provide input or comments on the ACDR by the 23rd of November 2019. Stakeholders must use the MSC Template for Stakeholder input into fishery Assessments v3.0 by clicking the link here.</p> <p>We ask stakeholders to contact us at seafood@bio-inspecta.com if you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities and to arrange participation in the site visit. All team members are available to meet in person or remotely.</p>
10	Assessment tree to be used
	Default assessment tree V2.01

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Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the Announcement Comment Draft Report. Stakeholders also have the opportunity to meet with the assessment team at the site visit and, those stakeholders previously engaged with the process, may provide comment on the Public Comment Draft Report and/or on the Final Report and Certification Determination once published on the MSC website.

Submitted by: Sascha Brand-Gardner

Date: 23rd October 2019

Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

Ms. Sascha Brand-Gardner, Lead Auditor and Principle 3 expert

Ms. Brand-Gardner is a Seafood Program Associate and Lead Auditor at bio-inspecta Pty Ltd and has more than 20 years of experience in fisheries policy, ecosystem based fishery management, project management and liaison with the fishing and aquaculture industries. Sascha was a senior fishery manager at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Fisheries Division in Western Australia (WA) and managed several prawn and scallop trawl and large pelagic line fisheries as well as multi-species ornamental fisheries. Prior to this, she worked on several marine research projects related to endangered, threatened and protected species, fishery habitats, abalone and aquaculture.

Sascha has an Honours degree in Marine Zoology from the University of Queensland, has been trained by the MSC to use the most recent MSC certification requirements and the risk based framework and is a certified lead auditor under the ISO 9001:2015 standard. Sascha has been the Principle 3 expert for the MSC certification assessment of several AFMA managed fisheries including the Australia Blue Grenadier Fishery in 2015 and the Heard and McDonald Islands and Macquarie Island toothfish re-assessments in 2016. Sascha is also part of the audit surveillance team for Blue Grenadier and the Lakes and Coorong Pipi Fishery in South Australia and has completed several MSC pre-assessments.

Dr. Emily Fisher, Principle 1 expert

Dr. Fisher is a Research Scientist at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia (WA), with more than 10 years' experience in fisheries assessments. She completed her PhD at Murdoch University in 2012, which focused on the development and testing of stock assessment tools for fish species with relatively limited information. These included age-based catch curve methods for species with variable recruitment and those that undertake size-related movements, and a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) model that allowed the effectiveness of common tools for managing recreational fisheries to be evaluated. Since then, her work has involved the assessments of several important demersal scalefish species in WA, based on catch curve methods as well as more complex integrated assessment models.

She has also contributed to the development and implementation of harvest strategies for a number of finfish and invertebrate species. Over the last six years, Dr. Fisher has worked on the State's Fisheries Certification program, providing support and advice to WA fisheries undergoing MSC assessments. She is part of a team of fisheries scientists and managers that facilitated the pre-assessments of all commercial fisheries in the State and has since coordinated the full assessment process for a number of now certified fisheries, including the Peel Harvey Estuary finfish and blue swimmer crab fisheries and the WA abalone fishery. Dr. Fisher has contributed to a number of publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and Departmental reports focused primarily on fisheries stock assessments, harvest strategies and MSC certification.

Dr. Lynda Bellchambers, Principle 2 expert

Dr. Lynda Bellchambers is a Principal Research Scientist with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Western Australia (WA), where she manages the Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Section. Lynda has a background in invertebrate ecology and biology, with 20 years post-PhD experience in fisheries research and management. She has conducted research on the biology and ecology of a number of the State's invertebrate fisheries to provide advice for sustainable management. More recently, her research has focused on assessing the potential impacts

of fishing on the ecosystem including target species (both invertebrates and finfish), bycatch, benthic habitats and Endangered, Threatened and Protected species. Dr. Bellchambers is also the Science Coordinator for the WA Third Party Certification Project which provides strategic advice and support to assist fisheries entering Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification. In this role, Lynda has been involved in the pre-assessment of all the States commercial fisheries (~50 fisheries) and full certification of 7 fisheries with several more in assessment. However, Dr. Bellchambers first experience with MSC was in 2005 when she was employed to assist the western rock lobster fishery address its Principle 2 conditions. Subsequently, Lynda has been trained by the MSC in use of the MSC standard (v1.3 and 2.0), including the risk-based framework (RBF) and worked with MSC to develop a mixed fisheries standard. She has also been contracted by MSC to test the draft standard on multi-species finfish fisheries in Indonesia and Mexico. Dr Bellchambers is also a member of the MSC Peer Review College and has extensive experience in conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (ERAs).

Appendix 2: Client certificate sharing statement



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21 October 2019

Ms. Sascha Brand-Gardner
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Seafood Program Associate
Centre for Seafood Certification

Dear Sascha

Re: MSC re-accreditation of the Commonwealth blue grenadier winter freezer boat fishery – certificate sharing mechanism

Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group has been engaged by Petuna Sealord Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd to act on their behalf during the MSC re-accreditation of the Commonwealth blue grenadier winter freezer boat fishery.

I am writing to confirm that only fishers engaged by Petuna Sealord Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd will be eligible to operate under the proposed MSC Certificate for the above-mentioned fishery.

Petuna Sealord Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd are willing to enter an agreement with other fishers to operate under the proposed Certificate on the basis of equitable cost sharing arrangements associated with obtaining and maintaining the Certificate.

Other fishers wishing to operate under the Certificate may apply to Petuna Sealord Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd and Sanford Ltd through Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Bromley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ross Bromley
Associate – Fisheries Specialist
Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group

Appendix 3: Reduced reassessment

Table 2 – Reduced reassessment evaluation

Criteria 1	Yes / No	Justification
Fishery was covered under previous certificate or scope extension	Yes	The fishery has been certified since 2015.
Criteria 2	Yes / No	Justification
No conditions remain after 3 rd surveillance audit	Yes	All conditions were closed at the second surveillance audit and there are no new conditions.
Criteria 3	Yes / No	Justification
Standard related stakeholder comments have been addressed by 3 rd surveillance	Yes	All stakeholder comments were addressed during the original assessment process and no others have been received.