

## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	NFA Norwegian Ling & Tusk and Lumpfish
<b>Assessment number</b>	Initial Assessment
<b>Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)</b>	N/A
<b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>	<p>Having reviewed the information provided by the client for this fishery Acoura Marine has determined that this fishery is within scope for MSC assessment (as set out in FCR 7.4).</p> <p>Specifically:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controversial unilateral exemptions - this fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement,</li> <li>• Destructive fishing practices - this fishery does not use destructive fishing practices (explosives or poisons)</li> <li>• ETP species – this fishery does not target amphibians, birds, reptiles</li> <li>• or mammals.</li> <li>• Disputes – there are mechanisms in place for resolving disputes, and the fishery is not overwhelmed by disputes;</li> <li>• Previous assessments - the fishery has not failed an assessment against the MSC Standard within the last two years;</li> <li>• Inseparable or practically inseparable (IPI) catches – there are no IPI catches in this fishery;</li> <li>• Enhanced fisheries - this is not an enhanced fishery;</li> <li>• Introduced species - the fishery is not based on an introduced species.</li> </ul> <p>Forced labour laws - the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws.</p>
<b>Certificate sharing statement</b>	NA
<b>Estimated Length of Full Assessment &amp; Timeline</b>	The Timeline for this assessment is published in the MSC eCert system.

<b>Name of proposed Team Leader</b>	<p><b><i>Gudrun Gaudian (P2)</i></b>- Dr Gudrun Gaudian is an experienced marine ecologist and taxonomist, including coastal and marine surveys, EIA's for development and tourism, and research projects in tropical and temperate seas. Work experience also includes coastal and marine management issues, such as identifying sustainable coastal development projects, as well as addressing conservation issues, including selection and planning of marine parks and reserves, sustainable utilisation of natural resources and community based management programmes. Projects have been undertaken in temperate, polar and tropical marine regions. For some years now, Dr Gaudian has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 2 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Gaudian holds an LLM degree in Environmental Law and Management, giving a deeper understanding of law and policy dealing with such relevant issues as the Common Fisheries Policy, water and waste management, and international environmental law including EU environmental policy. <b>A full CV can be requested directly from the CAB.</b></p>
<b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b>	<p><b>Hans Lassen (P1)</b> - His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models to fisheries issues. He joined the Danish Institute for Fisheries and Marine Research in 1971. He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES groups - including Chairman of the Statistics Committee (1979-82), member of ACFM (1979-1982) and alternate member 1993-1998. He chaired the Baltic Salmon Assessment Working Group 1981-1985, the Baltic Multispecies Working Group 1983-1987. He was member of the Baltic Sea Pelagic Assessment Work Group 1977-1987 and the Herring Group 1993-1998.</p> <p>Within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), Hans Lassen has been Chairman of the Assessment Committee (STACFIS, 1989-1991), Vice-Chair of the NAFO Scientific Council (1991-1993), and Chairman of that Council (1993-1995).</p> <p>He has also experience in the work of the European Commission related to DG Fish, including being a member of STECF (1992-1996) as well as being a member of many ad hoc groups and study groups established within the system. From 1995-1996 he was Chairman of the internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program.</p> <p>Hans Lassen has experience in working in fisheries issues in the Nordic Council of Ministers, including as Chairman of its Working Group on Fisheries (1991-1994). He also has been scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations, e.g. the EU - Norway agreement on North Sea herring management, and 1993-1998 his attention has also been given to advising in the International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission (IBSFC).</p> <p>Hans Lassen has been involved with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment in the third world, with courses conducted in Southeast Asia, India, South America, and in Kenya and Namibia.</p> <p>ICES produces the international biological advice for fishery management of fish stocks in the Northeast Atlantic and as Fisheries Adviser he served as</p>

	<p>secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management.</p> <p>By 1st January 2004 the ICES Secretariat was reorganised and Hans Lassen took up the post as Head of Advisory Programme. This is the support group for all advisory committees within ICES, i.e. Management Committee of Advisory Processes (MCAP), Advisory Committee for Fishery Management (ACFM), Advisory Committee of Ecosystems (ACE) and Advisory Committee of Marine Environment (ACME). The Programme services a large network of marine scientists and national laboratories. He retired from ICES in 2010 and has since worked on a number of fisheries projects f.ex. Lassen H. 2011. Industrial Fisheries in the Baltic S. European Parliament, Fisheries Committee, IP/B/PECH/NT/2010-152 and as team member of several MSC assessments and reviewer of aMSC assessments.</p> <p>He is the author and co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed papers and numerous conference contributions.</p> <p><b>A full CV can be requested directly from the CAB.</b></p> <p><b>Geir Hønneland (P3)</b> - is Research Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute and adjunct professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the University of Oslo, speaks Russian fluently and has followed the developments of Russian fishery politics and the Barents Sea fisheries management for more than two decades. Among his books are Implementing International Environmental Agreements in Russia (Manchester University Press, 2003) (including fisheries agreements), Russian Fisheries Management: The Precautionary Approach in Theory and Practice (Martinus Nijhoff , 2004), and Making Fishery Agreements Work: Post-Agreement Bargaining in the Barents Sea (Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2012). He has also published a number of articles about Russian fisheries management, and the Barents Sea fisheries management more widely, in peer reviewed journals.</p> <p>Geir also has wide range of evaluation experience, e.g. for the FAO relating to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. Further, he has produced a country study of Russian fisheries management for the OECD and several consultancies about Russian fisheries management. He was member of the team that performed the first MSC assessment of a Russian Barents Sea fishery in 2010.</p> <p>Geir is based near Oslo in Norway. A more comprehensive presentation can be found at the FNI's website: <a href="http://www.fni.no/cv/cv-geh.html">http://www.fni.no/cv/cv-geh.html</a></p> <p><b>A full CV can be requested directly from the CAB.</b></p>
<p><b>Assessment tree to be used</b></p>	<p>The default 2.0 assessment tree will be used.</p>

<b>Site visit</b>	<p>The Site Visit will be taking place in <b>Bergen, Norway on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2016.</b></p> <p>Stakeholder consultation is a vital part of the MSC assessment process and Acoura encourage anyone with knowledge or information relevant to this assessment (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) to share this with Acoura and its assessment team.</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery</p> <p>If you wish to participate in this assessment process, please contact Acoura Marine on +44 131 335 6662 or via email at <a href="mailto:fisheries@acoura.com">fisheries@acoura.com</a> .</p> <p>The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies and these should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:</p> <p><a href="http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders">http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders</a></p>
<b>Tree modifications &amp; stakeholder consultation</b>	N/A

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## **Appendix 2: CVs of team leader and team**

Available upon request from Acoura Marine

## **Appendix 3: Draft modified tree *[delete if not applicable]***