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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for LFPO pelagic trawl sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the fishery listed below:

[LFPO pelagic trawl sprat \(*Sprattus sprattus*\)](#)

The fishery is in its first reassessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body, Bureau Veritas. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Brierley
- Chrissie Sieben
- Jonathan Broch Jacobsen
- Lisa Borges

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.**

Andrew Brierley

Professor Andrew Brierley has 30+ years experience pursuing questions on pelagic stock variability, drivers thereof, and consequences for dependent predators. His PhD included studies of population dynamics and genetics of commercially-targeted European and South Atlantic squid. His postdoctoral work focused on acoustic estimation of krill biomass: his results fed annually to CCAMLR via the WG on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management, and he was particularly interested in responses by predators to krill variability.

Brierley has been a UK delegate to the ICES WG Fisheries Acoustics Science and Technology since the mid 1990s. He has worked on acoustic estimation of North Sea and Baltic herring, and vessel avoidance: these brought him face to face with issues of uncertainty in stock assessment and subsequent management of resources in data-poor circumstances.

Brierley has a long-standing interest in ecosystem impacts of fishing, as exemplified by his work on jellyfish blooms in the Benguela following fin-fish collapse. His new EU-funded work on the mesopelagic aims to gain understanding of ecosystem-services provided by fish there in advance of any new large-scale exploitation.

Brierley has considerable experience of scientific review, including for UK research councils and Australia's ARC. He also reviewed Japan's post ICJ-ruling Antarctic whale research programme, and participated subsequently as a UK delegate to the IWC Scientific Committee. Most recently Brierley has embarked on studies of fish stocks in Lake Victoria in pursuit of several UN Sustainable Development Goals. Brierley runs an MSc module 'Ecosystem-based management of marine systems' that draws heavily on his applied fisheries experiences.

Chrissie Sieben

Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor, and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries development. She was the MSC fisheries scheme manager at ME Certification Ltd (which later became CU Pesca) up until December 2018. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant and marine ecologist on UK-based and international projects. Chrissie is now an independent assessor with over eight years' experience with the MSC certification requirements and has acted as team leader and Principle 2 assessor on a range of preassessments, surveillance audits and full assessments of demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Pacific and Caribbean. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops. Chrissie speaks fluent French and Dutch in addition to English.

Jonathan Broch Jacobsen

Jonathan Broch Jacobsen holds an MSc in anthropology, specialised in the anthropology of fisheries management. He has previously worked at DTU Aqua (the Danish National Institute of Marine Biology), and for nine years as Sustainability Manager for the Danish Fishermen's PO. In this role he took 18 fisheries through the MSC assessment process, several of them including fisheries from other Northern European countries in collaboration with Danish Fishermen.

In parallel Mr. Jacobsen acted as standing observer to the MSC Technical Advisory Board for six years, took part in the 2012-14 Fisheries Standard Review, and finally co-chaired the MSC Stakeholder Council and sat on the Board of Trustees in 2016-2017.

Although a former client representative, he is now independent of all fisheries interests.

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 over the last four years.