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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Ecuador Mahi mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*) Longline Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Ecuador Mahi mahi \(*Coryphaena hippurus*\) longline fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Bureau Veritas Certification. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Kristin Kleisner
- Mauricio Castrejón
- Sophie Des Clers
- Tim Huntingdon

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 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Kristin Kleisner

Dr Kristin Kleisner is a scientist working with the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and the Nature Conservancy on methods for quantifying and modeling the effects of climate change on species assemblages on the U.S. northeast shelf. She is also working with Environmental Defense Fund on various fisheries issues. She holds a Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the University of Miami Rosenstiel School and her dissertation research focused on improving stock assessments using spatial statistics. From 2008 to 2010 she worked at Texas Tech on spatial management strategies for the protection of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to her work in the northeast U.S., she held a research position with the Sea Around Us project at the Fisheries Centre at the University of British Columbia from 2010 to 2013, working on the Ocean Health Index Food Provisioning models and on measuring the effects of fishing on marine resources, the development and testing of global data-poor stock assessment techniques and indicators of ecosystem health. Kristin has published over 20 peer-reviewed manuscripts and has reviewed papers for journals such as Nature, PLOS One, Fisheries Research, Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science, Marine Ecology Progress Series, and others.

Mauricio Castrejón

Mauricio Castrejón, marine biologist, Interdisciplinary PhD. Postdoctoral researcher at the Faculty of Environment in the University of Waterloo, Canada. Specialist on the social-ecological assessment of small-scale fisheries in marine protected areas, with special relevance on the impact of diverse human and climatic drivers in the co-management of small-scale fisheries in Latin America. He is a former Associate Researcher at the Charles Darwin Foundation (2004- 2008), in-house consultant for World Wildlife Fund (2008-2010) at the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and PhD student at Dalhousie University, Canada (2010-2018).

Mr Castrejón worked for Conservation International as an in-house consultant and as a Regional Fisheries Manager in the Americas Field Division Marine Program between September 2014 and June 2019. In this international NGO, he received a Lui-Walton Innovators Fellowship for the development and implementation of a community-based coastal fisheries improvement model. The “C-FIP model” combines globally recognized ecosystem-based and human rights-based approaches, including the UN FAO’s Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and the Marine Stewardship Council Standard (MSC), in combination with blue finance principles, to promote sustainability of small-scale fisheries. Currently, the C-FIP model is supporting environmental and social improvements in 12 small-scale fisheries in six Latin American countries (Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Suriname) protecting critical fisheries ecosystems and securing food security and sustainable livelihoods through the co-responsibility capacity of coastal fishing communities and effective governance reforms. In recent years, he has led the development and implementation of a C-FIP, and a business plan, for the Galapagos yellowfin tuna small-scale fishery.

Sophie Des Clers

Dr Sophie des Clers is an independent scientific expert in fisheries management systems. She has over 30 years' experience in the formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of fisheries and aquaculture projects to build management capacity in the public and the private sector. She is trained in databases, applied statistics, population dynamics, microeconomics, law and public policy. Her past research and consultancy projects have taken her to fishing ports around the UK, EU, Norway, Africa and the North Sea, Mediterranean, Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

As a Principle 3 auditor, she has taken part in the MSC assessment and pre-assessment audits of more than 20 different fisheries including for cod, haddock, saithe, sole, herring, blue whiting, sardine, tuna, billfish, lobster and whelks. Having completed the MSC FCR v2.0 training, Sophie is a fully qualified Team Leader.

Tim Huntingdon

Tim Huntington is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years' industry and consulting experience. He has a degree and MSc in Applied Fish Biology. He has worked in capture fisheries and aquaculture in over 60 countries worldwide.

Following a number of industry and consulting posts, Tim has specialised in promoting sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture. This includes a number of fisheries development projects for the GEF, FAO and other agencies before focusing on the roles that eco-labelling can play in driving improved fishing practises and management. He has worked extensively with the MSC programme, including leading pre-assessments, full assessments as well as chain of custody audits for a number of certification bodies including Acoura, SAI, Intertek, Tún, MEP and SCS, specialising in P2 and P3. He has participated as lead auditor or a team member on a number of UK, NE and NW Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean fisheries. He also works with fisheries on FIPs. Tim has participated in a number of multiple pre-assessment initiatives, including Project Inshore in the UK.

In addition to his work for Certification Bodies, Tim has also worked directly for MSC, where his contributions have included a number of studies on chain of custody methodologies, looking at including aquaculture in the MSC fisheries standard and the 2011 review of environmental benefits of MSC certification. Tim is also the co-author of a number of reports published by FAO on the costs and benefits of fisheries certification for small-scale fisheries.