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Public Certification Report (PCR) Notification for the Ben Tre clams (*Meretrix lyrata*) fishery by Ben Tre Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)

ME Certification Ltd. (MEC) announces that the 15 working day period, during which parties could have lodged an intent to object to the Conformity Assessment Body's (CAB's) determination to certify the Ben Tre clams (*Meretrix lyrata*) fishery by Ben Tre Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), closed on the 5th August 2016.

No formal objections were received and the determination therefore holds. The new certificate will be in effect for 5 years, commencing on 8th August 2016 and contingent on the fishery successfully completing annual audits of its status against the MSC standard.

The MSC ecolabel may now be applied to catches taken from this fishery after the agreed eligibility date of the 8th August 2016 (the date of certification), by those companies with appropriate Chain of Custody certification in place.

The Public Certification Report can be downloaded at the following link:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/vietnam-ben-tre-clam-hand-gathered/re-assessment-downloads-1>

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