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Following certification in 2011, we are now continuing the process of surveillance audits for the Netherlands Blue Shell Mussel fishery:

Species: Dutch Blue Shell Mussel (Mytilus edulis) Fishery and Culture.

Location: Waddenzee and Zeeuwse delta.

Fishing methods: Dredge and suspended seed mussel collectors, culture. Catch and grow.

The first onsite surveillance visit is scheduled to take place in Yerseke on 10 and 11 January 2013. This delay is fully caused by SGS as there was a failure in the SGS planning system. Future audits will be scheduled in accordance with MSC and ASI to ensure all requirements are met.

During this visit, the team will:

- Actively seek the views of both client and stakeholders about the fishery, its performance and all issues relevant to the MSC's Principles and Criteria.
- Review the fisheries management activities for continued conformity to the MSC's Principles and Criteria

The team will consist of Mr. Aad Smaal and Mr. Bert Keus, who were part of the initial assessment team. Their CV's can be found elsewhere in the download section. Team leader will be Jack Vader:

Jack Vader is an independent consultant based in Plabennec, France. He has previously held the position of General Manager of the Fish Auction in Breskens, the Netherlands. Over the past 35 years he gained experience in the fishery sector and has managed many international projects on fish (quality) management. Jack is assigned as a lead auditor for SGS in MSC CoC / GlobalG.A.P. and Naturland audits since 2002. His full resume can be found in the download section.

Stakeholders are encouraged to contact SGS if they have any information on this fishery that they feel should be considered in the assessment. If you would like to discuss your information with the assessment team in person during the site visit, send us no later than 31 December 2012:

- your name and contact details
- · your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss

SGS will contact you with date, time and venue of the meeting.

SGS Nederland BV, Product and Process Certification will act as coordinating office and is accredited to perform MSC Fishery certifications.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact SGS at below contact details:

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