

## **MSC Re-Assessment of the Patagonian Scallop Fishery**

### ***Certificate and Re-Assessment Extension Notification***

The existing Certificate MSC of Sustainable Fishery of Patagonian Scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*) with date of expiry 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 **is being extended until 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012** to allow for the completion of the Re-Assessment process. The Re-Assessment Process is entering the final stages, with an expectation that a Draft Report will be available for public comment the first week of January 2012.

The requirement to undertake a Second On-Site Visit to conduct a new set of interviews and a SICA Workshop in order to adapt previous and current information into the FAM Default Assessment Tree and Risk Based Framework analysis has created the need for an extension of the current re-assessment process, beyond that anticipated in the original time schedules for this fishery assessment to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 end of certification deadline.

To allow for a credible re-evaluation of the fishery performance in the light of the new methodology required by MSC and new data and evidence supplied from the scientific group at INIDEP, OIA has amended the timetable and advising to stakeholders of this change in 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The amendment of the timetable of re-assessment process implies the extension of the existing certificate.

On the current level of engagement and set of activities, OIA is confident that the assessment process can be brought to the stage of issuance of a re-certification determination within this period.

OIA ensure to meet the conditions provided by the MSC in the Request for Variation to the MSC scheme requirement FCM v6.1 point 5.3.1.

All stakeholders are advised and that comments should be addressed to **Lic. Carolina Medina Foucher** to the following contact details:

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