



## **Japanese scallop (*Patinopecten (Mizuhopecten) yessoensis*, Jay) hanging ('Suika-shiki') and seabed ('Keta-Ami') enhanced fisheries.**

### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

#### **Advisory:**

- 1. Revisions to Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts**
- 2. Changes to the Unit of Certification Boundaries**
- 3. Revision to timescale**
- 4. Confirm Peer Review Team**
- 5. Extended stakeholder consultation**

This fishery entered assessment in April 2010, and the site visit took place in July 2010. Having considered the information available about the fishery and its practical operation, the Certified Accreditation Body, Intertek Moody Marine consider that it is now appropriate to revise the Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts to make them consistent with the criteria set out in the MSC Certification Requirements v1.2. It is also appropriate to reduce the size of the unit of certification and to revise the timescale for this assessment. We are also now able to confirm the peer review team for this fishery. In view of the time that has elapsed since the site visit, we are also taking this opportunity to invite further input from stakeholders.

This notice sets out information about these changes, and invites feedback and comment from stakeholders.

#### **1. Revisions to Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts**

The MSC Certification Requirements allow enhanced bivalve fisheries to be scored against revised Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts.

The assessment team propose to use an amended default assessment tree and the Risk Based Framework (RBF) in this independent evaluation of the fishery. The default assessment tree can be found within the MSC Certification Requirements on the MSC website [here](#).

The cultivation operations in the Hokkaido fishery are defined under the MSC as "Catch and Grow" enhanced bivalve fisheries. The Performance Indicators that are considered to be appropriate for this type of fishery under the MSC Certification Requirements are summarised in the table overleaf.

We welcome any comments on the proposed use of the amended assessment tree and the RBF in relation to this fishery. Comments should be made as specific as possible to individual performance indicators and scoring guideposts, and their suitability or not for use in assessing this fishery. If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments (available [here](#)):

If you wish to comment on these changes to the Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts, please contact Jim Andrews at Intertek Moody Marine before **1700BST on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012** (contact details at the foot of this notice).

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Unit of Certification (UoC)	Principle 1	Principle 2	Principle 3
1. Spat collection. 2. Hanging cultivation (Suika-shiki).	<p>Principle 1 will be scored because there are translocations of scallops between cultivation sites in Hokkaido.</p> <p>The Risk Based Framework will be used to score Principle 1.</p> <p>The Genetic Outcome Performance Indicator (PI 1.1.4) will also be used.</p> <p>The Genetic Management and Genetic Information Indicators (PI 1.2.5 &amp; 1.2.6) will no longer be used, as the MSC Certification Requirements restrict their use to “Hatch and Catch” fisheries.</p>	<p>UoC 1 and 2 are based solely on spat collection. Therefore it is proposed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retained species PIs (2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3) shall <b>not</b> be scored.</li> <li>Discarded species PIs (2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3) shall <b>not</b> be scored.</li> <li>PIs for ETP species, Habitats, and Ecosystems <b>shall</b> be scored.</li> <li>Translocation PIs (2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3) <b>shall</b> be scored.</li> </ul> <p>Where necessary, the Risk Based Framework shall be used to score Principle 2 Performance Indicators.</p>	<p>All of the Principle 3 Performance Indicators shall be scored.</p>
3. Seabed cultivation (Keta-Ami).		<p>There is evidence that wild spat may contribute to the catch from this UoC.</p> <p>All of the Principle 2 Performance Indicators shall therefore be used for this UoC (including translocation PIs).</p> <p>Where necessary, the Risk Based Framework shall be used to score Principle 2 Performance Indicators.</p>	

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## 2. Revisions to Unit of Certification

It is proposed that the geographic extent of two of the units of certification should be amended to make them smaller and more clearly defined. The proposed changes are:-

- a) **Unit of Certification 1 – Spat Collection:** this to remain unchanged, and still cover all of the coastal waters around Hokkaido.
- b) **Unit of Certification 2 – Hanging Culture (Suika-shiki):** this area to be reduced to Funka Bay and Lake Saroma.
- c) **Unit of Certification 3 – Seabed Culture (Keta Ami):** this area to be reduced to include just the coastal waters of Hokkaido in the Sea of Okhotsk and the Nemuro Strait.

## 3. Revisions to timescale

The timescale for this fishery has been amended on several occasions, most recently in December 2011. A revised assessment timescale is attached overleaf.

## 4. Confirmation of Peer Review Team

Following the consultation that was conducted in February 2012, Intertek Moody Marine are pleased to confirm that the Peer Review Team for this fishery shall be Dr Yoshinobu Kosaka and Dr Andy Brand.

## 5. Extended stakeholder consultation

The site visit for this fishery was carried out in July 2010. Because of the amount of time that has elapsed we have decided to conduct a further 30 day consultation period prior to the publication of the Public Comment Draft Report for this fishery to allow the submission of any relevant new information related to the fishery. This consultation period provides stakeholders with an opportunity to submit new information for consideration by the Assessment Team.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input which is available [here](#). A template for stakeholder responses is available [here](#). You may use the template or provide your response in any other format. Any new information must be submitted before **1700 BST on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

We would welcome any comments by stakeholders on these proposed changes in the next 30 days. Comments should be sent to Dr Jim Andrews (contact details below) on or before **1700 BST on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012**.

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>. As a certification body, Moody Marine Ltd has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary.

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## Revised Timescale, Hokkaido Scallop Fishery

Stage	Target date*	Revised date	Notes
<b>Publicise the start of the assessment</b>			
Announcement of assessment on MSC website	14 April 2010	14 April 2010	These steps have been completed.
<b>Assessment team</b>			
Nominate Assessment Team members	11 May 2010	11 May 2010	
Confirm Assessment Team members	31 May 2010	01 June 2010	
<b>Use of the Default Fisheries Assessment Methodology (FAM)</b>			
Start of consultation period	02 June 2010	26 June 2012	This consultation was carried out in June 2010, and is being repeated to allow new MSC Certification Requirements to be adopted.
End of consultation period	02 July 2010	26 July 2012	
<b>Assessment site visit &amp; stakeholder meetings</b>			
Announce site visit	11 June 2010	11 June 2010	These steps have been completed.
Carry out site visit & stakeholder meetings	20 July 2010	20 July 2010	
<b>Peer Review</b>			
Peer reviewers nominated	28 July 2010	07 February 2012	These steps have been completed.
Peer reviewers confirmed	13 August 2010	26 June 2012	
Announce timescale for peer review of draft report	29 October 2010	10 August 2012	
<b>Stakeholder review of Public Comment Draft Report</b>			
Start of consultation period	15 December 2010	25 September 2012	Completion of the draft report has been delayed by the collation and translation of the information necessary to complete the assessment, and the subsequent review of the Performance Indicators.
End of consultation period	14 January 2011	25 October 2012	
<b>Stakeholder Review of Final Report</b>			Once the consultation on the Performance Indicators has been completed, progress will resume.
Start of consultation period	07 February 2011	16 November 2012	
End of consultation period	22 February 2011	01 December 2012	
<b>Issue Public Certification Report</b>			
	02 March 2011	14 December 2012	

### Notes

Dates in shaded cells highlight opportunities for stakeholder input to the assessment

\* Dates are liable to change as the assessment progresses. If delays of more than 30 days arise, then a revised notice of the assessment schedule will be posted on the MSC website

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