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Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Fishery Notice of Suspension of Certification

Following the recent 3rd on-site surveillance audit of the Faroe Islands Queen Scallop fishery, the assessment team concluded that progress against condition 4 (regarding research plan) and condition 5 (regarding management performance evaluation) was not on target within 12 months of falling behind target, thus triggering suspension as required by clause 7.23.13.2 of MSC's Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0.

Vottunarstofan Tún announces suspension of the certification for the Faroe Islands Queen Scallop fishery, with immediate effect and until further notice. The suspension applies to certificate F-TUN-1103, issued to O.C. Joensen Ltd. The certificate is suspended until the cause of the suspension has been fully addressed.

Queen scallops caught within the Unit of Certification before 3 January 2017 can be marketed as MSC certified, provided the fishery client can segregate the scallops based on date of capture. Queen scallops caught from now and until the suspension is lifted are not eligible to carry the MSC ecolabel or be sold and marketed using the MSC trademarks.

The client must within four days of this announcement advise all existing and potential customers, as well as affected members of its management and staff, of the suspension.

The client has now 90 days (until 2 April 2017) to provide documented corrective action plan for addressing the cause of suspension, which must include a binding timeframe.

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