

## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement of Participation in P1 pilot process

This fishery is participating in a pilot harmonisation process for Principle 1. More information on this process can be found on the MSC Policy Microsite: <https://improvements.msc.org/database/hms-harmonisation>

The P1 (stock status) assessment for this fishery will therefore be run separately than the P2 (environmental impacts) and P3 (management) assessments. Details on the full assessment or surveillance activities can be found here: <https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/cook-islands-tuna>

Information on how to feed into this pilot process for the P1 assessment are provided below.

Please contact the CAB for more information and register your interest.

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline	
<b>Unit of Assessment &amp; Unit of Certification for P1 harmonisation</b>	<b>Species</b>	Albacore ( <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> )
	<b>Geographical range</b>	Cook Islands Exclusive Economic Zone (excluding the internal waters and territorial sea of the Cook Islands)
	<b>Method of capture</b>	Longline
	<b>Stock</b>	South Pacific albacore
	<b>Management System/s</b>	At national level: Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources At regional level: Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
	<b>Client group</b>	Luen Thai Fishing Venture (LTFV), with Liancheng Overseas Fishery (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd (SZLC); China Southern Fishery Shenzhen Co. Ltd (CSFC); and China Fishing Agency Ltd. (CFA) conducting albacore longline fishing operations in the Cook Islands EEZ.  Liancheng Overseas Fishery (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd (SZLC) is 100% subsidiary of Luen Thai Fishing Venture. SZLC owns 51% of the China Southern Fishery (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd

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<b>Assessment type (initial assessment, re-assessment or surveillance)</b>	Surveillance 1				
<b>Name of proposed P1 expert</b>	MEC will be represented at the meeting by Jo Gascoigne and Peter Watt. Jo Gascoigne is the team leader for this fishery. Peter Watt however was not involved in this fishery's assessment. The surveillance audit team for this fishery will be proposed 30 days prior to the audit taking place.				
<b>Name of proposed P3 expert</b>	<p><b>Dr. Jo Gascoigne</b></p> <p>Dr. Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales. She is an expert on fisheries science and management, with nearly 10 years' experience as a consultant, working mainly on MSC pre-assessments and full assessments, as well as FIP scoping, planning and implementation. Jo has been involved as expert and lead auditor in the majority of MEP's and MEC's full MSC assessments and numerous pre-assessments. She regularly participates in the MSC training sessions and workshops, the most recent of which was the MSC scoring calibration workshop for the new fisheries standard.</p> <p><b>Peter Watt</b></p> <p>Educated in Canada and living in the Philippines, Peter has over 20 years fisheries management and development work experience with national governments, regional organisations and private consultancy companies in Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Palau, Tokelau, Tonga, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Canada, and United States.</p> <p>Peter has authored or co-authored over 30 publications in his field and worked on more than 50 projects and assignments in technical research, marine management and development, technical training and project administration. His stock assessment experience includes fisheries rapid resource assessments in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Samoa. And of particular note, in Samoa, during his five years as Commercial Fisheries Advisor, he was responsible for conducting tuna stock assessments for the tuna longline fishery and outer reef slope assessments for the deep water snapper fishery.</p>				

<b>Assessment tree to be used for scoring/reviewing P1 Pls</b>	<p>In line with advice issued by the MSC on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Performance Indicator (PI) 1.2.2 will be rescored against version 2.0 of the Fisheries Certification Requirements, at the SG60 level only (the reasoning behind this is explained in detail in this fishery's PCR, page 331, available here: <a href="https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/cook-islands-tuna/assessment-downloads-folder/2719R07A_Public_Certification_Report.pdf">https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/cook-islands-tuna/assessment-downloads-folder/2719R07A_Public_Certification_Report.pdf</a>). For the remainder of P1, the surveillance audit will examine whether this fishery continues to conform to v1.3 of the MSC Certification Requirements.</p>
<b>Harmonisation meeting</b>	<p>The harmonisation meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 in Hong Kong. Stakeholders are invited to attend this meeting as observers. Stakeholders will be allowed a 15 min time slot to present any information they feel has bearing on the assessment of the P1 Pls or updates to the P1 conditions. The subsequent scoring discussions will be closed to all observers. Following the scoring discussions initial scoring decisions will be presented to stakeholders who will then be given an opportunity to respond or appeal against those scores through an independently facilitated process. The assessment teams will then have a final scoring meeting where these views can be taken into account and all scores and the status of all conditions will be confirmed.</p>
<b>Stakeholder comment report</b>	<p>A report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scores for this fishery from the last full assessment process;</li> <li>• scores for other overlapping fisheries from their last full assessment process and</li> <li>• any scoring updates and conditions</li> </ul> <p>will be provided along with additional information pertaining to the P1 assessment here: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/91zw89pwqd0h0tg/AABii6MKhHcGknm9fBbQ8lk2a?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/91zw89pwqd0h0tg/AABii6MKhHcGknm9fBbQ8lk2a?dl=0</a></p>

Any stakeholder comments should be submitted to the CAB using the form available here: <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view> by 17:00 GMT on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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