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**Shetland and Scottish Mainland Rope Grown
mussel Enhanced Fishery**

MSC Fishery Announcement
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1 Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

1	Fishery name
	Shetland and Scottish Mainland Rope Grown mussel Enhanced Fishery
2	Assessment number
	Third reassessment
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)
	No
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope
	<p>LRQA reviewed the application form of the fishery under assessment as well as produced the Announcement Comment Draft Report, and can confirm the fishery is in scope in accordance with requirements at §7.4 in the MSC FCP V2.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the fishery does not target amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals; the fishery does not use poisons or explosives; the fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement; the client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced labour violation in the last 2 years; the fishery management framework includes a mechanism for resolving disputes and the fishery is not overwhelmed by disputes; This is an enhanced fishery. LRQA has considered whether it meets the scope criteria set out in FCP v2.2 and has concluded that the fishery meets the relevant MSC scope criteria as an “Enhanced Catch and Grow” (“CAG”) fishery. This fishery is not an introduced species-based fishery; and the client group does not include an entity that has been convicted for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years.
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) (Provisional - will be confirmed in accordance with MSC FCP V2.2 7.17.3)

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UoA 1		Description
Species		Blue Mussel (<i>Mytilus spp.</i>)
Stock		Blue Mussel (spp.) wild stock of the Shetland Islands
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)		Rope
Client group		Seafood Shetland (incorporating Shetland Fish Processors and Shellfish Growers) members harvesting rope grown mussels in the Shetland Islands.
Other eligible fishers		None
Geographical area		The Shetland Islands, North-east Atlantic, within FAO Statistical Area 27 and ICES area IVa.
UoA 2		Description
Species		Blue Mussel (<i>Mytilus spp.</i>)
Stock		Blue Mussel (spp.) wild stock in Scottish coastal waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)		Rope
Client group		Seafood Shetland (incorporating Shetland Fish Processors and Shellfish Growers) members harvesting rope grown mussels in the Shetland Islands.
Other eligible fishers		None
Geographical area		Scottish coastal waters ranging from Argyll to Sutherland, within FAO Statistical Area 27 and ICES area VIa
6	Certificate sharing statement	
	N/A	
7	Name of proposed team leader	
	<p>Rod Cappell (Team Leader and Principle 3 Expert)</p> <p>Rod Cappell is Team Leader with responsibilities for Principle 3. He holds a degree in Marine Biology, a Master's degree in marine resource development & Protection and a post-graduate qualification in Environmental Economics. He has been a director of the specialist fisheries consultancy, Poseidon, for over</p>	

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	<p>ten years providing fisheries management and policy research services after working for several years as an environmental consultant. Rod has been involved in more than twenty MSC full assessments and reassessments throughout Europe, Iceland, Greenland & Chile as well as undertaking numerous surveillance audits and pre-assessments. These have included assessments of demersal, pelagic and shellfish species and complex multi-species and multi-gear assessments. In recent years Rod has supported Fishery Improvement Projects in the UK, China and France.</p> <p>Rod has passed all MSC training and has no conflicts of interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV is available upon request.</p> <p>Rod has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.2 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1.</p>
8	Name(s) of proposed team members
	<p>Bert Keus (Principle 2 Expert)</p> <p>Primarily responsible for assessment under Principle 2 Bert Keus is an independent consultant based in Leiden, the Netherlands. He holds degrees in biology and law, and has previously held the position of Head of the Environmental Division of the Dutch Fisheries Board, and research fellow with the fisheries division of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute of Holland (LEI-DLO). Over the years 2003 and 2004 he managed fishing and processing companies in the Gambia handling fish from industrial and artisanal fisheries, and he maintains his contacts with the Gambian seafood industry.</p> <p>In addition, however, he has long association with the shellfish fisheries of the Wadden Sea and neighbouring areas of northwest Europe, and he has been involved in efforts to achieve MSC certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery – acting as technical advisor to this multi-stakeholder initiative, and sitting on the project's management board.</p> <p>Through this work and several other MSC certifications he has become particularly familiar with the MSC certification process (and indirectly with the GASS/DD assessment methodology). Between the years 1998 and 2003 he was a Member of the European Sustainable Use Specialist Group, Fisheries Working Group of IUCN.</p> <p>Bert has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request.</p>
9	Stakeholder opportunities
	<p>Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the ACDR before the site visit. Stakeholders have 30 days to provide input and should submit their input or comments on the ACDR by 5pm UTC on 24th April 2022.</p> <p>Stakeholders must submit their comments using the MSC Template for Stakeholder Input to Fishery Assessments v4.0.</p>
10	Assessment tree to be used
	Default assessment tree modified for Enhanced Bivalve fishery (MSC Standard v2.01 Annex SB)
11	Estimated timeline

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	Milestone	Timeframe	Expected Deadline
	ACDR Publication	30 days	Published 25 th March 2022
	Stakeholder input published on MSC website		23rd April 2022
	Site Visit	5 days	Commencing 9 th May 2022
	CPRDR	60 days	12 th July 2022
	PCDR	30 days	20 th September 2022
	FDR	15 days	30 th October 2022
	PCR		21st November 2022
12	Site visit		
	<p>The site visit for this fishery will take place the week commencing 9th May 2022 in Lerwick, Shetland Isles, UK. Stakeholders are invited to take part in the site visit remotely or in person. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here: https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</p>		
13	Assessment tree modifications		
	N/A		
14	Local Context		
	<p>English is widely spoken in Shetland. Both Rod and Bert have had assignments in the region in the last 5 years.</p>		
15	Traceability		
	Both Rod and Bert have completed the MSC traceability module in the last 5 years.		
16	Risk Based Framework (RBF)		
	Bert has completed the RBF training.		
17	Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline		
	24 th April 2022		

The Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) for this fishery is now available for consultation on the fishery's Track a Fishery page. Please note this does not represent a final outcome, and the scores are based on a review of documents submitted by the client in the Client Document Checklist – we fully recognise changes may be necessary following the site visit and stakeholder comments. Stakeholders can submit comments on the report, which will be published on the MSC website ahead of the site visit. As this is a re-assessment, stakeholders have 30 days to

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submit comments, using the MSC Stakeholder Input form (available to download [here](#)). The deadline for information submission is therefore 24th April 2022 at 5pm UTC.

Please see the MSC's [Summary of Changes](#) document, which includes an overview of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) V2.2, particularly in contrast to previous process versions. Following the ACDR consultation and site visit, stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate at the following stages:

Public Comment Draft Report: This version of the report contains updated scores and rationale following the ACDR consultation, site visit, client and peer review. Stakeholders will have 30 days to review the report.

Final Draft Report: This presents the draft determination on whether the fishery passes or fails, and includes any changes following the public consultation, with responses to stakeholder input. An objection to the draft determination can be submitted within the 15 working day period (more details [here](#)).

Annual surveillances: *If* the fishery is certified, annual surveillances will monitor progress on open conditions and check ongoing compliance with the standard – stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate annually.

If you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery, and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities, please sign up [here](#) – or contact the LRQA fisheries team at fisheries-ca@lr.org

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Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

Full CV's of all Team members are available upon request.

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A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (msc.org).

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