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**SZLC, CSFC & FZLC Cook Islands EEZ South Pacific Albacore  
and Yellowfin Longline Fishery**

**MSC Surveillance Announcement**

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## Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

**Table 1– Surveillance announcement**

<b>1</b>	<b>Fishery name</b>	
	SZLC, CSFC & FZLC Cook Islands EEZ South Pacific Albacore and Yellowfin Longline Fishery	
<b>2</b>	<b>Surveillance level and type</b>	
	<p>Surveillance level 6, on-site Surveillance</p> <p>Please note this surveillance is taking place simultaneously with the reassessment and scope extension site visit; this is also why the surveillance is taking place later than certificate anniversary date.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Surveillance number</b>	
	<b>1st Surveillance</b>	
	<b>2nd Surveillance</b>	
	<b>3rd Surveillance</b>	
	<b>4th Surveillance</b>	x
	<b>Other (expedited etc)</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Proposed team leader</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Chrissie Sieben
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	<p>Team Leader and Principle 2</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has a Master’s Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor, and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries. She was the MSC fisheries scheme manager at ME Certification Ltd (which later became CU Pesca) up until December 2018. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant and marine ecologist on UK-based and international projects. Chrissie is now an independent assessor with over eight years’ experience with the MSC certification requirements and has acted as team leader and P2 assessor on a range of preassessments, surveillance audits and full assessments of demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and Pacific. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops. Chrissie speaks fluent French and Dutch in addition to English.</p>
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Chrissie meets all Fishery Team Leader Qualification and Competency Criteria (Table PC1) and the following Table PC 3 competency criteria: 3. Fishing impacts on aquatic ecosystems; 6 Understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements. Chrissie has successfully completed the MSC online training on the application of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF), FCRv2.0 and FCPv2.1.</p>

	<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	No conflict of interest has been identified for this fishery
	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	On-site
	<b>CV</b>	CV available on request
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed team members</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Dr. Charles Daxboeck
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	<p>Principle 3</p> <p>Charles obtained a Ph.D. in comparative respiratory physiology from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver and has been a legal resident of French Polynesia for the past 25 years, following twelve years in Hawaii. Aside from his scientific and consulting activities, Charles has been a member of the US delegation to the 19th Annual Consultation on Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries between Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the US Government (the Tuna Treaty) and to the Fourth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. He has also been a member of French Polynesian delegations to numerous pre-WCPFC ratification meetings (MHLC4, 5, 6 and 7, PrepCon I, PrepCon 7, then WCPFC1 and WCPFC6 from 1999 to 2009). Charles has also been a member of the American Samoa delegation to WCPFC7 (2010) and of the CNMI delegation to WCPFC13 (2016). His experience also includes being a Member of the Board of Governors and of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Pacific Ocean Research Foundation, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (P.O.R.F.) for six years. He was also a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee for thirty-three years (and SSC Chairman from 2011 to 2016), Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Department of Commerce, NOAA Fisheries). Charles' other experience in tuna fisheries include MSC assessments of the French Polynesia EEZ albacore and yellowfin longline fishery, Pan Pacific yellowfin, bigeye and albacore tuna longline fishery on behalf of Dongwon Industries, Tropical Pacific yellowfin and skipjack tuna free-school purse seine fishery on behalf of Dongwon Industries, as well as the Y2 and Y3 surveillance audits of the SZLC, CSFC &amp; CFA Cook Islands EEZ South Pacific albacore and yellowfin longline fishery. Dr. Daxboeck has recently joined The Nature Conservancy's Indo-Pacific Tuna Team as a contract consultant member</p>
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Charles meets all Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria (Table PC2) and the following Table PC 3 competency criteria: 4 Fishery management and operations; 5 Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context</p> <p>Charles has successfully completed the MSC online team member training on FCRv2.0.</p>
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	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	On-site
	<b>CV</b>	CV available on request
	<b>Name</b>	Dr. Jo Gascoigne
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	<p>Principle 1</p> <p>Dr Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales and a shellfisheries and tuna fisheries expert, with over 25 years' experience working in the</p>

		fisheries sector. On 20 May 2016 a variation request was granted by MSC, qualifying Dr Gascoigne as Principle 1 (P1) assessor for tuna fisheries, her main responsibility for this assessment. Dr Gascoigne is a fully qualified MSC Team Leader and has been involved as expert and lead auditor in MSC pre- and full assessments for the last 10 years.
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	Jo meets all Fishery Team Member Qualification and Competency Criteria (Table PC2). On 20 May 2016 a variation request was granted by MSC, qualifying Dr Gascoigne as Principle 1 (P1) assessor for tuna fisheries.  Dr Gascoigne has completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the V2.0 Fisheries Certification Requirements. In addition, she has also completed the fisheries traceability version 2.0 MSC online training module
	<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	No conflict of interest has been identified for this fishery
	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	Off-site  A variation request for Jo's remote participation at this site visit was granted by MSC in June. The variation request and MSC response can be found here: <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/szlc-csfc-fzlc-cook-islands-eez-south-pacific-albacore-yellowfin-longline/@assessments">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/szlc-csfc-fzlc-cook-islands-eez-south-pacific-albacore-yellowfin-longline/@assessments</a>
	<b>CV</b>	CV available on request
<b>6</b>	<b>Audit/review time and location</b>	
	The surveillance audit will take place at the same time as the reassessment and scope extension audit, scheduled for the 11th and 12th November 2019 in Rarotonga, Cook Islands	
<b>7</b>	<b>Assessment and review activities</b>	
	<p>During the audit, CU Pesca will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel assessments;</li> <li>Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock;</li> <li>Will review progress against the outstanding conditions for this fishery</li> <li>Harmonization against the other fisheries certified on the MSC program</li> <li>Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products;</li> <li>Any other significant changes in the fishery.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above activities, the team will be carrying out a rescoring of Principle 1 for both yellowfin and albacore against the MSC Standard v2.01. This is accordance with a previously accepted CAB-wide Variation Request (VR). The VR and corresponding MSC response can be viewed here, under 'General Fishery Documents': <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/szlc-csfc-fzlc-cook-islands-eez-south-pacific-albacore-yellowfin-longline/@assessments">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/szlc-csfc-fzlc-cook-islands-eez-south-pacific-albacore-yellowfin-longline/@assessments</a>. The findings of the re-scoring will be made public in the surveillance report. As per 7.28.23.1 (FCPv2.1), the report will be submitted to MSC for publication within 90 days of the site visit date.</p>	

CU Pesca would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Chrissie Sieben via email ([csieben@controlunion.com](mailto:csieben@controlunion.com)), telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Comments must be made using the [Template for Stakeholder Input into MSC-Assessments](#). Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the surveillance report and cannot be used in determining conformity of the fishery with the MSC Standard. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

Submitted by: Charlotte Todd

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**Deadline for stakeholder comment: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at 17:00 UTC**