

## **ARGENTINE ANCHOVY *Engraulis anchoita***

**Management Unit Bonaerense Industrial Semi-pelagic Mid-water Trawl Net Fishery in the Area of CTMFM (Comisión Técnica Mixta del Frente marítimo) and the Area North of the 41° S in the Argentine Sea**

### **Use of Fisheries Assessment Methodology v2.1**

#### **Use of Risk Based Framework**

**Organización Internacional Agropecuaria S.A. (OIA)** is currently undertaking the assessment of the “Argentine anchovy *Engraulis anchoita* Management unit Bonaerense Industrial Semi-pelagic mid-water trawl Fishery in the area of CTMFM (Comisión Técnica Mixta del Frente marítimo) and the area North of the 41°S in the Argentine Sea”, against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Standard.

The Assessment Team wishes to notify all stakeholders of its intent to follow the schematic overview set out in Figure A1 of the MSC FAM v2.1 during the scoring process.

After reviewing the available information the Assessment Team wishes to notify stakeholders of its intent to use the **Risk Based Framework (RBF)**.

The performance indicators which may be assessed using the RBF are listed below, along with a justification in each instance:

<b>Performance Indicator</b>	<b>Justification</b>
<b>1.1.1 Stock status</b>	No genetic information is available to confirm separation of the stock under assessment from neighbouring ones, although this separation is widely accepted amongst scientific community.
<b>2.1.1 Retained species outcome</b> <b>2.2.1 Bycatch species outcome</b>	The National Observer Program does not cover this fishery although landing information exists. Some species lack sufficient information on stock status and limited



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	reference points. Further information will be obtained from stakeholders.
<b>2.4.1 Habitats outcome</b> <b>2.5.1 Ecosystem outcome</b>	Some information is available but it is incomplete to assess appropriately impacts on habitat and ecosystem structures and functions. Further information will be obtained from stakeholders.

Further information regarding the FAM v2.1 can be found at:

[http://www.msc.org/documents/schemedocuments/methodologies/Fisheries\\_Assessment\\_Methodology.pdf](http://www.msc.org/documents/schemedocuments/methodologies/Fisheries_Assessment_Methodology.pdf) ; <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam>

A key purpose of the site visit stage in the assessment is to collect information and speak to all stakeholders with an interest in the fishery under assessment. To apply the MSC Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework>), we will be using a stakeholder-driven qualitative analysis. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, the analysis will rely heavily on the participation of a suitably broad range of stakeholders with a good balance of knowledge of the fishery.

We will notify in advance of our visits to all stakeholders with intention to participate and will conduct a SICA workshop in Mar del Plata (Argentina) on February-March 2011 when we expect the widest participation. We therefore encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge on the fishery to participate in these meetings.

We welcome any written comments on the Fishery Assessment Methodology proposed to be used in relation to this fishery. All comments should be sent to Tec. Marcelo Gavensky (see contact details below) following the **Stakeholders Comment Template** available at:

[http://www.msc.org/documents/getcertified/stakeholders/template\\_for\\_stakeholder\\_input/?searchterm=%20template](http://www.msc.org/documents/getcertified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input/?searchterm=%20template). Your comments on this issue are welcomed until **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011**.

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