



2018-04-12

MSC Fishery Surveillance Announcement: ISF Iceland cod – 1st surveillance

Name of Fishery	ISF Iceland cod	
Surveillance level and type	Level 4 – off-site surveillance audit.	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	X
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Dr. Paul A.H. Medley – Team Leader</p> <p>Dr. Paul Medley is an independent fisheries consultant, based in the UK. His expertise includes mathematical modelling of fisheries and ecological systems, techniques for multispecies stock assessment and external review of stock assessment methodologies. He has been an invited expert for a number of stock assessment working group meetings. He has a wide practical experience in marine biology, including design and implementation of surveys and fisheries experiments. This includes addressing wider environmental issues of ecological management, including maintenance of marine biodiversity. He has taken part in several MSC fishery assessments and has worked with MSC on new methodology developments.</p> <p>Vottunarstofan Tún confirms that Dr. Medley meets the fishery team leader qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC1, Table PC1, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has a university degree (Ph.D.) in biology; - has over five years' experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; - has passed MSC team leader training; - meets the qualifications and has the competencies specified in section 2 of Table PC1, taking into account MSC's 2018 clarification of requirement (b); - has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as team member in the last 5 years; - has the experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and the ability to effectively communicate with the client and other stakeholders. <p>Furthermore, Dr. Medley has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an assessor as outlined in Annex PC3, Table PC3.</p>	

	Vottunarfisla Tún confirms that Dr. Paul Medley has no conflicts of interest in relation to the ISF Iceland cod fishery.
Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>	<p>Tim Huntington – Team Member Primarily responsible for Principle 2</p> <p>Tim Huntington is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years industry and consulting experience. His qualifications include a BSc (Hons) in Biological Sciences and MSc in Applied Fish Biology. He has worked in capture fisheries and aquaculture in over 60 countries worldwide, with a particular focus on Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia (including the Indian and Pacific Ocean countries).</p> <p>Following a number of industry and consulting posts, Tim has specialised in promoting sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture. This initially included working on a number of fisheries development projects for the Global Environment Facility, FAO and other agencies before focusing on the roles that eco-labelling can play in driving improved fishing practices and management. He has worked extensively with the MSC responsible fisheries programme, including leading pre-assessments, full assessments as well as chain of custody audits for a number of certification bodies including Acoura, Intertek, MacAlister Elliott and SCS. He has participated as lead auditor or a team member on a number of UK, NW Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean fisheries and specialises in contributing to the Principle 2 elements. These fisheries include the Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock, the Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG) North Sea haddock and the Swedish Fisherman's Producer Organisation Eastern Baltic cod fisheries.</p> <p>In addition to his work for certification bodies, Tim has also worked direct for MSC, where his contributions have included a number of studies on chain of custody methodologies, looking at including aquaculture in the MSC fisheries standard and has worked on a review of environmental benefits of MSC certification. Tim is also the co-author of a number of reports published by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) on the costs and benefits of fisheries certification for small-scale fisheries.</p> <p>Vottunarfisla Tún confirms that Mr. Huntington meets the fishery team member qualification and competency criteria specified in Annex PC, Table PC2, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has an MSc in Applied Fish Biology; - has over five years' experience in the fisheries sector related to the tasks under his responsibility; - has undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits as team member in the last 5 years; - has passed MSC team member training course. <p>Furthermore, Mr. Huntington has the qualifications and competencies required for serving as an assessor on Principle 2 issues as outlined in Annex PC3, Table PC3.</p> <p>Vottunarfisla Tún confirms that Tim Huntington has no conflicts of interest in relation to the ISF Iceland cod fishery.</p>
Audit/review time and location	The surveillance will be conducted on 15.-16. May 2018 and will be conducted by skype meetings.
Assessment/review activities	<p>The surveillance assessment team will engage with the client and stakeholders to review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any significant changes to the fishery and its management, - its performance in relation to open conditions and recommendations, - any changes to its traceability systems,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - changes to regulations and personnel within the management system, as well as - changes to the scientific base of information on the fishery.
--	--

Vottunarstofan Tún would like to invite stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the surveillance of the ISF Iceland cod fishery. Stakeholders may provide input at any time.

Stakeholders wishing to submit written information or request a meeting with members of the assessment team are asked to send their request to the Tún contact below **by 17.00 GMT on 30 April 2018**, providing the following information:

- (1) their name and contact details,
- (2) their association with the assessed fishery and
- (3) the issues that they wish to discuss.

Information about the ISF Iceland cod fishery assessment is available for review on MSC's website, <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/isf-iceland-cod/@assessments>.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders> and a template for stakeholder response available at http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input.

You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

Please send any enquiries, request for meeting or other information to the following:

Dr. Gunnar Á. Gunnarsson
Vottunarstofan Tún ehf., Þarabakki 3, IS-109 Reykjavík, Iceland,
Tel.: +354 511 1330 Email: tun@tun.is

End of document.