



**Nominated Purse Seine Vessels  
Portuguese Sardine Purse Seine Fishery  
Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

**Announcement of Main Assessment**

We are pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the above noted Portuguese Sardine Purse Seine Fishery. The client for the assessment is ANOPCERCO, the National Association of Purse Seine Producer Organisations. The certification body contracted to assess the fishery is Moody Marine.

The assessment will evaluate the fishery for sardine in ICES Sub-areas VIII c & IXa for compliance with the international standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries established by the MSC.

Moody Marine seeks to develop a dialogue with those organisations and individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

Moody Marine will assemble an assessment team composed of individuals with experience in stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. The nomination of suitable individuals is welcomed.

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