



Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Portuguese Sardine Purse Seine Fishery

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Nominations for Assessment Team Membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the main assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist in this assessment, we are looking to appoint a team of expert advisors with collective knowledge of the stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management framework applicable to this fishery.

The persons proposed as potential team members of this fishery assessment are set out below in alphabetical order, together with a brief resume of their background. Potential team members have been selected on the basis of their experience of fishery management, stock assessment and/or ecosystem interactions. The Lead Assessor from Moody Marine will be **Andrew Hough**.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by **5:00 p.m. GMT on 26 September 2008** prior to continuing the assessment process.

Comments should be sent to Andrew Hough at:

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Date: 15 September 2008



Team nominees (in alphabetical order):

John Nichols. John is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes. He has also recently taken part in assessments of the PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, herring and mackerel fisheries and SW mackerel fishery re-assessment with Moody Marine.

Ian Scott. Ian is a fisheries consultant specialising in fisheries certifications, fisheries policy and fishery management issues with over 20 years experience in the fishery sector. In the past 18 months he has advised the Governments of Montenegro and Serbia on fisheries policy, including fisheries management, fleet development, the need for scientific research and fishery related environmental issues. Recently he has co-prepared fisheries management plans for Turkey, Serbia and Montenegro. Ian has undertaken a number of pre-assessments for Moody Marine and is an auditor of the MSC chain of custody.

José Vingada. José is currently Associate Professor, Biology Department at the University of Minho, specialized in animal ecology, biodiversity, ecotoxicology and conservation and management of living resources. His experience includes the coordination of several census programs related with the estimation of abundances of marine birds and cetaceans; use of marine animals as bio-indicators of ocean contamination; evaluation of protected species by-catch by the Portuguese fisheries; evaluation of the relation between purse-seine fisheries and cetaceans; coordination of a marine animal stranding network and rehabilitation centre; and evaluation of the impact of beach purse-seine fisheries on harbour porpoises. He is presently responsible for a research project, in cooperation with two of the largest Portuguese Fishing associations, financed by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism that aims to evaluate the abundances of cetaceans in Portuguese waters and relate its occurrence with fisheries efforts; evaluate the levels of accidental by-catch of cetaceans, marine birds and marine turtles by the Portuguese fisheries and test the use of deterrent devices (pingers and acoustic nets) in order to evaluate its efficiency in reducing by-catch.