



## **Surveillance Report**

### **GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE NORTHERN SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERIES – SFA 8, 9, 10, 12**

Certificate Nos.: TVI-F-08002, TVI-F-09003

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**1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Scope against which the surveillance is undertaken:** MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing as applied to the GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE NORTHERN SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERIES – SFA 8, 9, 10, 12.

**Species:** *Pandalus borealis*

**Area:** Gulf of St. Lawrence shrimp fishing areas 8, 9 10 and 12

**Method of capture:** Trawl

<b>Date of Surveillance Visit:</b>	<b>October 14 , 15, 2009</b>			
<b>Initial Certification</b>	<b>SFA 9, 10, 12- PCR Issued: September 18, 2008</b> Certificate: TVI-F-08002 Certificate Expiry Date: September 13, 2013		<b>SFA 8 - PCR Issued: March 19, 2009</b> Certificate: TVI-F-09003 Certificate Expiry Date: March 18, 2014	
<b>Surveillance stage</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
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## 2.0 RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report contains the findings of the first surveillance audit of the Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fisheries. The scope of the certification of the four units of certification is the northern shrimp trawl fishery conducted by Quebec and New Brunswick harvesters in Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFAs) 9 (Anticosti), 10 (Sept Iles) and 12 (Estuary), and by Quebec, New Brunswick and Newfoundland harvesters in SFA 8 (Esquiman). The surveillance audit was carried out in accordance with the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Certification Methodology (FCM) Version 6.

An announcement of the surveillance site visit was published on the MSC website on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 advising stakeholders that the audit site visit would take place 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October (See Appendix A).

The surveillance team – Jean-Jacques Maguire and Steve Devitt - met with members of the client group via teleconference and with staff from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Information and evidence was gathered on the status of the stocks, the performance of the fishery throughout the year, measures to meet the Conditions of Certification and changes in management.

TAVEL Certification circulated the notification of surveillance audit to known, interested stakeholder groups advising that stakeholder consultation opportunities were available during the surveillance audit visit. No stakeholder groups requested meetings with assessment team members.

The following section is set out as a table within which general information about the status of the stock and the fishery for this reporting period is provided along with the surveillance team's observations, conclusions and recommendations on the current status of the fishery and the client's progress toward meeting the Conditions of Certification.

The table includes the original assessment scoring guideposts and scoring commentary and the requirements of the original Condition alongside the heading 'Activity assessed'. This identifies the areas in which the fishery was determined to perform below the level required by the MSC standard during the initial assessment, and the required actions to address these issues.

As required by the MSC assessment methodology, the client group produced an Action Plan setting out the activities and timeline which they proposed to address the Conditions raised. This is set out in the table alongside the heading 'Client Action Plan'.

According to the terms of the Action Plan, the client has provided information on the work undertaken to date.

This progress has been evaluated by the surveillance audit team ('Observations' and 'Conclusion') against:

1. the commitments made in the Action Plan;
2. the intent of the original Condition; and,
3. the original scoring indicator, guideposts and commentary.

The influence of any overall regulatory and management changes in the fishery are also taken into consideration.

When the Condition has been judged to have been met, a re-evaluation of the scoring allocated to the relevant Performance Indicator(s) in the original MSC assessment will be included within the evaluation.

Item	Comments regarding <i>P. borealis</i> stock status in the Gulf of St. Lawrence
1	<b>Stock status</b>
<b>Observations</b>	<p>The following information was extracted from the Fisheries and Oceans Science Advisory Report (2009/01), entitled “Assessment Of Shrimp Stocks In The Estuary And Gulf Of St. Lawrence In 2008”, published in April 2009 (DFO 2009a).</p> <p>Commercial fishery catch rates were similar to those in 2007 while survey biomass indices decreased in Estuary and Anticosti. Male and female abundance indices were also similar to 2007 except for males in Estuary and females in Anticosti and Esquiman, where they were lower. Female sizes increased slightly in all areas except Esquiman where they decreased.</p> <p>Landings totalled nearly 36,000 t in 2008 and were similar to those of 2007. Most of the stock abundance indicators for 2008 were close to or higher than the mean for the 1990- 2005 period but several showed a decrease relative to 2007.</p> <p>The fishing effort remained similar or decreased slightly relative to the mean in all areas. The exploitation rate index increased and was similar to the mean in all areas except Anticosti where the index was higher.</p> <p>The spawning stock recruitment index remained higher than the mean in 2008 except for Estuary where it was similar to the mean. The multiparous females which hatched larvae in 2009 should continue to be abundant. However, a proportion of the 2004 year class which appeared to be very abundant, especially in the eastern Gulf, has already changed sex in 2008 and produced small females. The 2006 year-class appears to be abundant in the four areas.</p> <p>The stocks have been in the healthy zone since 2003 and this situation is predicted to continue for 2009. Catches similar to those of 2008 should generate exploitation rates in 2009 that are close to the mean value observed since the stocks are in the healthy zone. Consequently, status quo was recommended for the 2009 TACs in all fishing areas.</p>

Item	Condition 1	
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<b>Performance Indicator 2.1.4.2</b>	<b>80 Scoring Guidepost</b>	
All significant effects of the fishery on the ecosystem have been identified and quantified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main effects of the fishery that are known to impact the ecosystem have been evaluated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Condition</b>		
The client must demonstrate that it can meet the 80 scoring guidepost within the 5 year certification period. Specifically, the client must define, through a Corrective Action Plan, how the main effects of		

the fishery which are known to impact the ecosystem will be evaluated. The assessment team would expect that this plan should consider both habitat components as well as bycatch species.

### Proposed Client Action Plan

Benthic fauna data, collected during research conducted by DFO in 2006 and 2007 as well as 2008 data, will be used to characterize the benthic fauna of the northern GSL, including the areas exploited by the shrimp fishery. Sediment sampling will be performed during research surveys in 2008, 2009 and 2010; these data will be used to characterize habitat patterns. Fishery statistics from the fishing fleet collected since 1982 by DFO will allow a description of the fishing effort distribution and identify areas where trawling impact could be more important. Statistical analysis will permit to relate the abundance and the diversity of the benthic fauna with perturbed areas and sediments types. Tasks 1, 2 and 3 of the following table will be completed by the *Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski* (ISMER). The certification clients have agreed to finance the certification conditions projects with aid from the Quebec and New Brunswick Governments.

Project Tasks	Responsible Organization	Personnel	Timeline
1. Finalization of the epibenthic megafauna characterization project for the northern GSL which includes environmental parameters (from data collected by DFO research in 2006, 2007).	ISMER, Masters thesis project started in 2006 (DFO support)	ISMER Masters Student	Results available in 2009.
2. Continuation of the project by integration of new data: a) on epibenthic fauna in 2008, b) on sediments in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Researchers from ISMER will be tasked to collect samples, identify benthic organisms and to perform sediment granulometry	ISMER with DFO (IML) support	ISMER employees: 1 Masters student and 1 summer student, who will participate to DFO surveys and will collect samples.	Work in 2008, 2009 and completed throughout 2010
3. Evaluation of shrimp fishery impact on benthic fauna and its habitat. To be completed using the benthic fauna and habitat characterization work (tasks 1 and 2) and shrimp fishery statistics.	ISMER with DFO (IML) support.	Biologist contract by ISMER for 28 weeks	Contract work in 2009 and 2010
4. Inventory survey of Gulf shrimp fleet to fully characterize the nature of all fishing trawls used. Based on this information, expected trawl impacts will be hypothesized and results will	Quebec and NB clients	Consultant or contractor	Work in 2009

be integrated into Task 3.			
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### Activity Completed in Current Surveillance Cycle

- Samples collected during research surveys conducted by DFO in 2006 and 2007 will be used to characterize the benthic fauna of the northern GSL.
  - *Objective attained. Data collected during the 2006 and 2007 research surveys were analyzed and were published in a M.Sc. thesis in oceanography by Ms. Mélanie Lévesque in April 2009. Reference as follows: Lévesque, Mélanie. Avril 2009. Caractérisation de la macrofaune benthique de l'estuaire et du nord du golfe du Saint-Laurent (Québec, Canada) en relation avec les paramètres environnementaux : analyses multivariées et approche géostatistique. Mémoire de maîtrise en océanographie, Université du Québec à Rimouski, 107 p.*
- Continuation of the project of characterization of the benthic fauna of the northern GSL.
  - Benthic fauna data will be collected during research surveys conducted by DFO in 2008 data to complete the characterization of the northern GSL.  
*Objective partially completed. Samples were collected during part of the 2008 research survey and throughout the entire survey in August 2009. Collected organisms to be identified and data archived over the course of the winter, prior to end of March 2010. Responsible person: P. Archambault, ISMER.*
  - Sediment sampling will be performed during research surveys in 2008, 2009 and 2010; these data will be used to characterize habitat patterns.  
*Objective modified. It was not possible to sample sediments during the 2008 and 2009 research cruises. However, a research team from DFO at MLI worked on characterising the benthic environment of the Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence using previously collected or published data. Close to 20 variables including depth, temperature, salinity and sediment type were analyzed using a 10 x 10 km grid and form the basis to describe the benthic environment at a megahabitat scale. Responsible person: J.-D. Dutil, DFO.*
- Inventory survey of Gulf shrimp fleet to fully characterize the nature of all fishing trawls used. Based on this information, expected trawl impacts will be hypothesized and results will be integrated into the next task.
  - *Objective modified. After further consideration, it was decided that it will not be necessary to conduct a full inventory of the types of trawl gear used by the fleet in order to describe the potential impact on the shrimp fishing habitat. A description of the typical shrimp fishing trawl equipment in the Gulf (doors and foot gear) will be included in the forthcoming report which will present the identified trawling impacts in the Gulf. Responsible person: Clients*
- Statistical analysis will permit to relate the abundance and the diversity of the benthic fauna with perturbed areas and sediments types.
  - *Objective to be completed in 2010-2011. Trawling impacts to be determined by superimposing the three layers of information, habitat, benthic fauna and fishing effort. Responsible person: P. Archambault, ISMER.*
- Statistical analysis will allow a description of the importance of by-catch.
  - *New objective established in 2010-2011. Importance of bycatch (in weight and numbers of individuals) will be evaluated and compared with the abundance and stock health of the primary species of fish which constitute the bycatch of the shrimp fishery. Responsible person: L. Savard, DFO*

<b>Activity Evaluation (Milestone deliverables, timeline, results)</b>	
<p>The assessment team were provided with a copy of the 2009, 107 page Masters Thesis prepared by Mélanie Lévesque of the University of Quebec, entitled <i>Epibenthic macrofauna community structure of the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence in relation to environmental factors: Multivariate and geostatistical approaches.</i>”</p> <p>The assessment team concludes that the milestone associated with the first annual surveillance audit has been met.</p>	
<b>Status of Condition</b>	
<b>First Surveillance Audit</b>	
<p>The surveillance audit concludes that the intent of the deliverable has been met at the time of the audit. Ongoing progress on this condition will be evaluated in 2010.</p>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Condition 2</b>
<b>3</b>	
<b>Performance Indicator 2.1.4.3</b>	<b>80 Scoring Guidepost</b>
<p>Management objectives are set in terms of impact identification and avoidance/reduction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management objectives are set to detect and avoid/reduce adverse impacts on key ecosystem components. Avoidance/reduction measures have been defined and implemented and their effectiveness is being evaluated.</li> <li>• These measures have demonstrated effective avoidance/ reduction in similar fisheries.</li> </ul>
<b>Condition</b>	
<p>The client must present a corrective action plan which will define how the 80 scoring guidepost will be met within the certificate period of five years. The client should provide a work plan, timeline and milestone deliverables which will result in characterization of adverse impacts on key ecosystem components including habitat. Avoidance/reduction measures must be defined and implemented and their effectiveness evaluated.</p> <p>The assessment team’s opinion is that the requirements of this performance indicator can be met within the workplan to be established for performance indicators 2.1.4.2 and 2.1.4.4.</p>	
<b>Proposed Client Action Plan</b>	
<p>The proposed action plan for 2.1.4.4 will address the required performance improvements for this indicator.</p>	
<b>Activity Completed in Current Surveillance Cycle</b>	

Ongoing work in relation to the condition set for performance indicator 2.1.4.2 is on schedule and will be necessary in order to complete the client action plan for performance indicator 2.1.4.4.

**Activity Evaluation (Milestone deliverables, timeline, results)**

The activities for PI 2.1.4.2 are deemed on schedule.

**Status of Condition**

**First Surveillance Audit**

No result was set for this condition for the first surveillance audit.

Item	Condition 3										
4											
<p><b>Performance Indicator 2.1.4.4</b></p> <p>Acceptable impacts are determined and reviewed.</p>	<p><b>80 Scoring Guidepost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptable impacts for all key non target species and habitats have been determined and are reviewed periodically.</li> </ul>										
<p><b>Condition</b></p> <p>The client must present a corrective action plan which will define how the 80 scoring guidepost will be met within the certificate period of five years. The client should provide a work plan, timeline and milestone deliverables which will result in identification of all key non target species and habitats impacted by the shrimp fishery and then indicate acceptable impact and the process by which impacts will be periodically reviewed.</p>											
<p><b>Proposed Client Action Plan</b></p> <p>Shrimp fishery impacts in the GSL will be the focus of a peer review during a scientific workshop conducted by the <i>Centre des Avis Scientifiques</i> MPO-Quebec Region. The fishery impact on benthic communities and habitat, as well as on non-targeted fish species that are caught, will be determined for each fishing area. For each area, different characteristics of fishing, habitat, benthic invertebrates and fishes will be considered. Possible negative impacts will be determined and proposals will be made to reduce these impacts. The DFO Quebec Region will organize the workshop. The Quebec and New Brunswick fishery certification clients have agreed to finance this workshop with aid of Quebec and New Brunswick.</p>											
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project Task</th> <th>Responsible Organization</th> <th>Personnel</th> <th>Timeline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Convene a workshop to evaluate acceptable fishery impacts</td> <td>Centre des avis scientifiques-MPO(IML)</td> <td>External and Quebec based scientists, including ISMER.</td> <td>2011 (or 2010 if the different tasks described above are finalised)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Project Task	Responsible Organization	Personnel	Timeline	1. Convene a workshop to evaluate acceptable fishery impacts	Centre des avis scientifiques-MPO(IML)	External and Quebec based scientists, including ISMER.	2011 (or 2010 if the different tasks described above are finalised)
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<p>2. Identify and implement necessary avoidance/ reduction measures for identified adverse impacts on key ecosystem components.</p>			
<p><b>Activity Completed in Current Surveillance Cycle</b></p>			
<p>Ongoing work in relation to the condition set for performance indicator 2.1.4.2 is on schedule and will be necessary in order to complete the client action plan for performance indicator 2.1.4.4.</p>			
<p><b>Activity Evaluation (Milestone deliverables, timeline, results)</b></p>			
<p>The activities for PI 2.1.4.2 are deemed on schedule.</p>			
<p><b>Status of Condition</b></p>			
<p><b>First Surveillance Audit</b></p>			
<p>No result was set for this condition for the first surveillance audit.</p>			

Item	Recommendations
5	<p>In Section 10.2 of the Public Certification Report for Shrimp Fishing Area 8 (Esquiman), dated March 19, 2009, the assessment team provided two recommendations. While recommendations are non-binding (i.e. do not have specific condition against a specific performance indicator), they serve to identify areas of fishery performance that the team is concerned with. The two recommendations as stated in the report and the current evaluation of these issues are as follows:</p> <p><b>At- Sea Observer Coverage</b></p> <p>At-sea observer coverage provides independent proof that fishery operates in a sustainable manner. Observer coverage provides critical information on target species catch (PI. 1.1.1.5, 1.1.2.3, ) and non-target bycatch (2.1.1.2, 2.1.1.5, 2.1.2.1). Collection of data on unobserved fishing mortality (2.1.2.2) and fishery impacts (2.1.4.1) should support precautionary decision making. Observers also verify that harvest rules are enforced (P.I. 1.1.4.2) and regulations regarding PET species are respected (2.2.1.2).</p> <p>In 2007, observer coverage in SFA 8 attained 5% coverage across the fleets that prosecute the fishery in SFA 8. Prior to 2007, coverage of some fleets did not meet the target of 5% coverage. The TAVEL assessment team recommends that observer coverage remain at the target level of not less than 5%. Should observer coverage fall below 5%, this would result in lower performance in some of the performance indicators quoted above. Ultimately, at-sea observer coverage lower than 5% could possibly result in a re-evaluation and rescoring of some (or all) of these performance indicators below the 80 scoring guidepost. Rescoring below 80 would result in additional corrective action requirements.</p> <p><b>Follow up during First Surveillance Audit</b></p> <p>At the time of the surveillance audit, the finalized observer coverage for the 2009 fishing season for SFA 8 was not available. The finalized observer coverage for the 2008 season was 2.9% and the team remains concerned about the low level of observer coverage.</p>

	<p><b>Formalization of Precautionary Approach Principles</b></p> <p>This fishery has clearly demonstrated sustainable management, in accordance with the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist with the modernization of fishery management policies and practices, the Assessment Team recommends the Precautionary Approach principles be formally adopted within the fishery's management. This can be accomplished by developing a formal precautionary decision framework around the existing multiple indicator fishery management approach.</p> <p><b>Follow up during First Surveillance Audit</b></p> <p>The site auditors were informed of a November 2008 workshop which began the process of development of reference points and decision rules for management of shrimp and prawn fisheries in Canada. The report, entitled, <i>Proceedings of the Precautionary Approach Workshop on Shrimp and Prawn Stocks and Fisheries</i>, documents the discussions about each shrimp/ prawn fishery in Canada in relation to the essential elements of the Precautionary Approach framework adopted in DFO's PA policy ("A Fishery Decision-Making Framework Incorporating the Precautionary Approach". The workshop is intended to contribute to the completion and implementation of individual PA frameworks (DFO, 2009b)</p>
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Item	Any complaints against the certified operation; recorded, reviewed and actioned
6	No complaints that would potentially compromise the certification were reported or brought to the attention of the audit team during the site visit.

Item	Any relevant changes to legislation or regulation.
7	There were no significant changes to legislation or regulation of the GSL shrimp fisheries during the past year. The fishery continues to operate under the measures identified in the last fishery management plan.

Item	Any relevant changes to management regime.
8	The assessment team was notified of the impending retirement of Pierre Couillard as the Gulf Shrimp resource manager and the appointment of Bernard Morin as his replacement. The assessment team does not anticipate that this change in personnel should have a significant impact on the fishery management process.

Item	Any other relevant changes.
9	<p>For 2009, an allocation of 15% was previously announced for the Group B Gulf shrimp fleet. Beginning in the 2010 fishing season, a permanent allocation of 13.5% for the Group B Gulf shrimp fleet will be introduced. The stabilization of this sharing arrangement will support the rationalization plans of both the groundfish and traditional shrimp fleets, and improve the ability of fishers to make business planning decisions. (DFO Backgrounder, 2009)</p> <p>During the site visit, the assessors were informed of the progress regarding the development and application of the precautionary approach for the shrimp fishery. Over the course of several months following the site visit, DFO planned to undertake workshops with harvesters to discuss the precautionary approach for shrimp in the Gulf, the implications for the fishery and proposed timelines. The 2010 surveillance audit will investigate this further.</p>

Item	Overall Conclusions regarding <i>P. borealis</i> in Gulf of St. Lawrence waters
10	<p>The Gulf shrimp resource remains healthy and in excellent condition. No changes in management have taken place that would detrimentally affect the performance of this fishery against the MSC standard. The fishery continues to make progress in meeting the prescribed conditions and requirements of the MSC Standard.</p> <p>MSC Certification should therefore continue with audits annually.</p>

### Information Sources:

#### Meetings

Meetings and conference calls were conducted with DFO personnel and client members on October 14th, 2009 at the IML facility in Mont Joli, Quebec. Additional information was provided after the site visit was conducted in.

Interviewees included.

Louise Savard, DFO  
 Pierre Couillard, DFO  
 Bernard Morin, DFO  
 Jacques Frechette, AQIP Contractor  
 Jean-Paul Gagne, AQIP  
 Serge Hache, ACPI  
 Jeremy Persant, CDN

#### Reports etc

Lévesque, M., Archambault, P. Archambault, D. Brêthes, J-C. and S. Vaz. (2008). Epibenthic macrofauna community structure of the Gulf of St. Lawrence in relation to environmental factors and commercial fish assemblages : multivariate and geostatistic approaches. Masters Thesis, University of Quebec. A copy can be attained by contacting the lead author directly at <http://ismer.uqar.ca/cvismer/?57/Levesque-Melanie>.

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DFO CHP. 2009 Conservation Harvest Plan for Gulf of St. Lawrence Shrimp. Available at  
[http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/decisions/fm-2009-gp/shrimp-crevette-8-10\\_12-eng.htm](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/decisions/fm-2009-gp/shrimp-crevette-8-10_12-eng.htm)

**Standards and Guidelines used:**

1. MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing
2. MSC Fishery Certification Methodology Version 6. September 2006
3. TAB Directives - all

**Appendix A: Surveillance Audit Announcement**



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## **Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery SFA 8, 9, 10, and 12 Combined Annual Surveillance Audit**

At this time, TAVEL wishes to notify all stakeholders that the combined surveillance audit and stakeholder consultations for the Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery in SFA 8, 9, 10, 12 will be conducted starting on the afternoon of Wednesday, **October 14** and concluding end of day Thursday, **October 15th, 2009**. The audit will be conducted in **Mont-Joli, Quebec** at the **Maurice Lamontagne Institute**.

The primary purpose of the audit is to examine any significant changes that may have occurred in the physical environment or management of the fishery since certification, and to determine if certification conditions have been satisfactorily addressed. In addition, during the surveillance audit there is opportunity for stakeholders to contribute relevant information on the fishery through either written submissions or in person interviews.

Written Submission – If you have information regarding the fishery that you wish to submit to the team in writing, please submit to the assessment lead auditor, Steven Devitt of TAVEL Certification, at the coordinates below prior to October 13, 2009.

Assessment Team Meetings – If you wish to meet with the surveillance audit team during the visit, please notify us prior to October 9. Contact Steven Devitt of TAVEL Certification and provide:

- a) your name and contact information
- b) your association with the fishery (e.g. harvester, ENGO, processor, concerned citizen)
- c) your concerns regarding the fishery.

Information on the fisheries may be found on the Marine Stewardship Council website at the following address <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified/north-west-atlantic/Gulf-of-st-lawrence-northern-shrimp> (SFA 9, 10, 12) and <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified/north-west-atlantic/gulf-st-lawrence-northern-shrimp-trawl-fishery-esquiman-channel> (SFA 8).

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