

MSC Assessment
CVO (Cooperative fishery organistaion) North Sea (ICES IVa, b, c) plaice and sole
fisheries using trawl and seine

Assessment Schedule

MSC assessments proceed through a prescribed series of stages. Assuming no delays, an assessment typically takes 12 months, but may be completed within a minimum of 9 months, or may take considerably longer if delays are encountered.

The main sequence of activities is set out below, with the time required for each stage. A delay at any stage will extend the overall timeframe accordingly.

	Stage	Time required
1	Notification of assessment commencement	5 days
2	Assembling of expert team	Variable
3	Stakeholder consultation on expert team	10 days
4	Confirmation of use of standard Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts	30 days
5	Announcement of Site Visit	30 days
6	Assessment Visit	1 week
7	Production of report and scoring of fishery	2 months
8	Consultation on peer reviewers	10 days
9	Client review of Draft Report (version 1)	30 days
10	Peer review of Draft Report (version 2)	30 days
11	Stakeholder review of Draft Report (version 3)	30 days
12	Moody Marine internal certification determination	5 days
13	Stakeholder consultation on Final Report (version 4) and Determination	21 days
14	Issuance of Public Certification Report (version 5)	5 days

A typical sequence of a main assessment is illustrated below.

