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Client: Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij
North Sea brown shrimp (*Crangon crangon*) trawl fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Certification
Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd.

Announcement of Full Assessment

Food Certification International is pleased to announce that the above fishery has begun full assessment under the requirements of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Sustainable Fishery certification. This assessment will evaluate this fishery for compliance with the MSC international Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries.

The certification body contracted to undertake the assessment of this fishery is Food Certification International Ltd.

The fisheries for this shrimp species are mainly based around the Dutch coast and the Wadden Sea, located within North Sea ICES sub-areas IVa, b and c. The fishery is dominated by Dutch owned trawl fleet, with the largest harvests deriving from Dutch and German fisheries. Smaller scale fisheries are prosecuted in the coastal areas of Belgium, Denmark and England.

The shrimp are trawl fished by between 400 and 420 boats drawn from a number of fleet components – dedicated shrimp trawlers; vessels exploiting a range of fisheries of which shrimp forms one and members of the “Eurocutter” flatfish fleet that also fish for shrimp.

Initially Food Certification International seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with direct interest in this fishery. Anyone who wishes to contribute with comment or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Food Certification International at the address given above.

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