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## Hoki (*Macruronus novaezelandiae magellanicus*) Industrial Bottom & Semi-pelagic Trawl Net Fishery in the Argentine Sea

### Use of Fisheries Assessment Methodology v2.1

#### Use of Risk Based Framework

**Organización Internacional Agropecuaria S.A. (OIA)** is currently undertaking the assessment of the Hoki Industrial Bottom & Semi-pelagic Trawl Net Fishery in the Argentine Sea, against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Standard.

The Assessment Team wishes to notify all stakeholders of its intent to follow the schematic overview set out in Figure A1 of the MSC FAM v2.1 during the scoring process.

After reviewing the available information the Assessment Team wishes to notify stakeholders of its intent to use the **Risk Based Framework (RBF)**.

The performance indicators which may be assessed using the RBF are listed below, along with a justification in each instance:

Performance Indicator	Justification
<b>1.1.1 Stock status</b>	There is insufficient information on spawning areas and incomplete data on CPUE from research surveys to assess stock status.
<b>2.1.1 Retained species outcome</b> <b>2.2.1 Bycatch species outcome</b>	Some species lack sufficient information on stock status and limit and target reference points. Further information will be obtained from the National Observer Program and other stakeholders.
<b>2.4.1 Habitats outcome</b> <b>2.5.1 Ecosystem outcome</b>	Some information is available but it is incomplete to assess appropriately impacts on habitat and ecosystem



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	structures and functions. Further information will be obtained from the National Observer Program and other stakeholders.
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Further information regarding the FAM v2.1 can be found at:

[http://www.msc.org/documents/schemedocuments/methodologies/Fisheries\\_Assessment\\_Methodology.pdf](http://www.msc.org/documents/schemedocuments/methodologies/Fisheries_Assessment_Methodology.pdf) ; <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam>

A key purpose of this site visit stage of the assessment is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery under assessment. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework> ), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, this analysis relies heavily on the participation of a suitably broad range of stakeholders with a good balance of knowledge of the fishery.

We will notify in advance of our visits to all stakeholders with intention to participate and will conduct a SICA workshop in Mar del Plata (Argentina) on middle November, where we expect the most relevant sector representatives to be present.

We therefore encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these stakeholder meetings.

We welcome any written comments on the Fishery Assessment Methodology proposed to be used in relation to this fishery. All comments should be sent to Tec. Marcelo Gavensky (see contact details below) following the **Stakeholders Comment Template** available at:

[http://www.msc.org/documents/getcertified/stakeholders/template\\_for\\_stakeholder\\_input/?searchterm=%20template](http://www.msc.org/documents/getcertified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input/?searchterm=%20template). Your comments on this issue are welcomed until **24<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**.

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