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Certificate of Conformity

Acoura Marine Ltd. trading as LRQA certifies that:

New Zealand hake, hoki, ling and Southern blue whiting fisheries

is a sustainable and well managed fishery which meets the requirements set out in the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The client for the fishery is:

Deepwater Group Limited

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Visit the MSC Track-a-Fishery pages <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/> to validate certificate authenticity.



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Units of Certification (UoC)

New Zealand Hoki, Hake & Ling Trawl Fishery

Fishing Method	Species	Management Areas	Stock	UoC
Trawl	Hoki (<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>)	HOK 1	Eastern	1
		HOK 1	Western	2
	Hake (<i>Merluccius australis</i>)	HAK 1	Sub-Antarctic	3
		HAK 4	Chatham Rise	4
	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)	LIN 3	Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)	6
		LIN 4	Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)	7
		LIN 5	Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)	8
		LIN 6	Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)	9
		LIN 7	West Coast South Island (LIN 7WC)	10
Client	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG) http://deepwatergroup.org			
Other Eligible Fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, with access to quota, licensed to fish for hoki, hake and ling with trawl in management areas: HOK 1; HAK 1, 4; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.			

New Zealand Southern Blue Whiting Trawl Fishery

Fishing Method	Species	Management Areas	Stock	UoC
Trawl	Southern blue whiting (<i>Micromesistius australis</i>)	SBW 6B	Bounty Platform	1
		SBW 6I	Campbell Rise	2
Client	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG) http://deepwatergroup.org			
Other Eligible Fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, with access to quota, licensed to fish for southern blue whiting with trawl in management areas SBW 6B and SBW 6I.			

New Zealand Ling Longline Fishery

Fishing Method	Species	Management Areas	Stock	UoC
Longline	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)	LIN 3	Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)	1
		LIN 4	Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)	2
		LIN 5	Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)	3
		LIN 6	Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)	4
		LIN 7	West Coast South Island (LIN 7WC)	5
Client	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG) http://deepwatergroup.org			

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Other Eligible Fishers

New Zealand flagged vessels, with access to quota, licensed to fish for ling with longline in management areas: LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

The point(s) at which fish and fish products may enter a chain of custody:

The main points of landing for these fisheries are all New Zealand ports.

The scope of this certification ends at the points of landing which are described above. Downstream certification of the product would require appropriate certification of storage and handling facilities at these locations. Fish and fish products from the fishery may enter into further certified chains of custody and be eligible to carry the MSC ecolabel.

No Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches are allowed under this certificate.

The parties, or categories of parties, that are entitled to use this certificate to enter fish from the certified fishery into certified chains of custody:

The client group members list can be found at the msc website. Eligible vessels can be confirmed by contacting Deepwater Group Limited or LRQA for contact details.

In the course of the certification it is possible that further companies/vessels may join the client group. Those not a part of the DWG are required to have a certificate sharing agreement. The certificate sharing confirmation can be found on the MSC website.