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# Certificate of Conformity

## MSC Fisheries

**MRAG Americas certifies that  
New Zealand Orange Roughy Fishery**

Deepwater Group Ltd  
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**meets the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard,  
and that the fishery is well-managed and sustainable.**

**Unit of Certification:**

**Species:** (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*)

**Geographical area:** Southwest  
Pacific Ocean (Area 81)

**Harvest method:** Demersal trawl at  
depths of 700 - 1400 m

**Stock:** New Zealand Orange Roughy

**Management Areas:** ORH3B  
NWCR, ORH7A

**Certificate Issued by:**

**MRAG Americas Certification Committee**

**Signature**



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## Fisheries Certificate Schedule New Zealand Orange Roughy Fishery

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**Management System:** The management of New Zealand's deepwater fisheries is a collaborative initiative between the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI, representing the Crown and its statutory obligations for the public) and the Deepwater Group Ltd (DWG). Fisheries are managed with the Fishery Management Areas (FMA), although FMAs may be combined or subdivided for specific fisheries. Orange roughy quota owners pay the full cost for all research and monitoring into these fisheries, either through a Government cost recovery levy or through direct payment through DWG.

**Chain of Custody:** Traceability of fishing activity within New Zealand is largely provided by the statutory requirements to record all fishing in logbooks and through federal monitoring and compliance programs. Fishing beyond the New Zealand EEZ requires special permitting prior to the activity of fishing. No change of ownership of any orange roughy (raw or finished product) occurs prior to landing. MPI collects all catch for traceability or reconciliation purposes could be obtained from MPI, if required.

All of fish landed from this fishery can be traced back to particular fishing activities. All orange roughy harvest in New Zealand must be landed to a licensed fish receiver (LFR). Because of the detailed traceability within the fishery and onboard vessels, all fish and fish products from the UoA would be eligible to enter into further certified chains of custody and carry the MSC logo. The scope of this certification ends at the point of landing to any LFR within New Zealand, and all LFRs would require chain of custody. Downstream certification of the product would require appropriate certification of storage and handling facilities at these locations.





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### Units of Certification

Orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) stocks harvested by demersal trawl in the following Quota Management Areas:

ORH7A including Westpac Bank

ORH3B Northwest Catham Rise

