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Certificate of Conformity

This is to certify 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:

NZ Seafood Deepwater Council
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Units of Certification (UoC)

UoC 1	Description
Species	Hoki (<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>)
Target Stock	Eastern (UoC 1)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 2	Description
Species	Hoki (<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>)
Target Stock	Western (UoC 2)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 3	Description
Species	Hake (<i>Merluccius australis</i>)
Target Stock	Sub-Antarctic (UoC 3) HAK 1
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 4	Description
Species	Hake (<i>Merluccius australis</i>)
Target Stock	Chatham Rise (UoC 4) HAK 4
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 5	Description
Species	Hake (<i>Merluccius australis</i>)
Target Stock	West Coast South Island (UoC 5) HAK 7
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ



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Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
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UoC 6	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	Chatham Rise LIN 3
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 7	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	Chatham Rise LIN 4
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 8	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	Sub-Antarctic LIN 5
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 9	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	Sub-Antarctic LIN 6
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.

UoC 10	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	West Coast South Island LIN 7
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Trawl
Client group	Seafood NZ, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licenced to fish for hoki, hake and ling with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas (HOK 1, 2; HAK 1, 4, 7; LIN 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 11	Description
Species	Southern blue whiting (<i>Micromesistius australis</i>)
Target Stock	SBW 6B (UoC 11)
Geographical area	Bounty Platform (UoC 11)
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Demersal and Semi Pelagic Trawl
Client group	NZ Seafood, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licensed to fish for southern blue whiting with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas SBW 6B and SBW 6I and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 12	Description
Species	Southern blue whiting (<i>Micromesistius australis</i>)
Target Stock	SBW 6I (UoC 12)
Geographical area	Campbell Rise (UoC 12)
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Demersal and Semi Pelagic Trawl
Client group	NZ Seafood, Deep Water Council (DWC)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licensed to fish for southern blue whiting with demersal and semi demersal pelagic trawl, in management areas SBW 6B and SBW 6I and with access to quota for these species.
UoC 13	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	LIN 3 Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Longline
Client group	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licensed to fish for ling with longline and with access to quota for this species.
UoC 14	Description
Species	Ling (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>)
Target Stock	LIN 4 Chatham Rise (LIN 3 & 4)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Longline
Client group	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG)



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UoC 15	Description
Species	Ling (Genypterus blacodes)
Target Stock	LIN 5 Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Longline
Client group	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licensed to fish for ling with longline and with access to quota for this species.
UoC 16	Description
Species	Ling (Genypterus blacodes)
Target Stock	LIN 6 Sub-Antarctic (LIN 5 & 6)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Longline
Client group	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG)
Other eligible fishers	New Zealand flagged vessels, licensed to fish for ling with longline and with access to quota for this species.
UoC 17	Description
Species	Ling (Genypterus blacodes)
Target Stock	LIN 7 WCSI (LIN 7WC)
Geographical area	New Zealand EEZ
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Longline
Client group	Deepwater Group Limited (DWG)
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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. Downstream certification of the product would require appropriate certification of storage and handling facilities at these locations.

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 eligible parties to use the fisheries certificate are shareholders of the NZ Seafood Deepwater Council. Anyone who owns quota has the opportunity to become a DWG shareholder. Those not a part of the DWC are required to have a certificate sharing agreement.

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.