

**Aquaculture Stewardship Council and Marine Stewardship Council**

**ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Audit Announcement Template**  
*[Surveillance]*

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**Scheme documents:**

ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Standard

ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Certification and Accreditation Requirements

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#### Instructions for using the ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Audit Announcement Template

This template details the information required from conformity assessment bodies (CABs) when formally announcing the entry of a production unit into assessment, re-assessment or surveillance, which will be published on the ASC-MSC website. The template should be submitted by email, together with:

1. Completed client document checklist, and
2. Pre-audit report (if one exists and was written by the CAB doing full audit).

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in brackets or *italics*, please delete and replace with your specific information.

#### Corporate branding

The production unit Audit Announcement Template may be formatted to comply with the CAB corporate identity. It is the structure and content of the template sections below that must be followed.

Examples of appropriate amendments are:

- a. A company header used throughout the report.
- b. A company footer replacing the current ASC-MSC footer.
- c. Inclusion of contact details for the assessment team members in relation to consultation.
- d. Deletion of the instruction tab.

Production unit details

Name of the production unit	Yaeyama Shokusan Co.,Ltd.
Target species common name/s	euglena Chlorella
Species Latin name	Euglena gracilis Chlorella sorokiniana
Production system	Onshore aquaculture/ artificial seedlings
Location of the production unit	287-14 Shiraho Ishigaki-city Okinawa 907-0242 Japan
Stock Region	Not applicable as this is category Cii. No wild stock is used.
Receiving water body	Shiraho Sea area, Ishigaki Island, Okinawa
Clients part of the production unit	Mituru Izumo (president of euglena Co.,Ltd.)
Facilities	Incubators, culture tanks, culture pools, separators, drying machines, packing machines, refrigerators, warehouses, boilers
Unit of Certification (if different)	UoC is the same as UoA.
Harvest season	all season
Management system	our company control and check process of aquaculture by measureed value. Aquaculture process is seed culture, culture, washing, separation, condensation, cooling, blanching, drying, packaging.
Seaweed category	Cii. Cultivation entirely in land-based systems. Supply of seed from wild stocks NOT required.
Statement that the production unit is within scope	<p>A clear statement from the CAB that the fishery entering assessment meets the scope requirements in Section 2 of the Seaweed Standard.</p> <p>Harvesting or farming activities are only eligible for certification if the target species is a seaweed. <i>The target species are Euglena gracilis and Chlorella sorokiniana, both are algae species.</i> The Standard applies globally to all locations and scales of operations, including both harvesting of wild stocks and production from aquaculture systems. <i>This is production from aquaculture systems.</i> The Standard applies to seaweed production units only. Other production units in scope for assessment under the existing ASC or MSC standards are in no way affected by the Seaweed Standard. <i>Only Euglena and Chlorella are included in the production units.</i> Harvesting or farming activities involving the introduction of alien (i.e. non-native) species are not eligible for certification, unless: <i>Euglena and Chlorella are not alien species.</i> The introduction occurred at least 20 years prior to the date the application is made for assessment against the Seaweed Standard, or The alien species is cultured in on-land facilities that are completely separated from the aquatic environment. Organisations seeking certification shall have been in operation for at least 12 months, or one harvest cycle, whichever is less. <i>Production of Chlorella has been in operation for more than 40 years, and Euglena for more than 10 years.</i> Organisations seeking certification shall have available records of performance data covering the periods of time specified in the Standard. <i>The company has enough data records.</i> Harvesting or farming activities which use mutagenic, carcinogenic or teratogenic pesticides, or any other chemicals that persist as toxins in the marine environment or on the farm or farmed seaweeds, are not eligible for certification <i>The company did not use any toxic chemicals.</i></p>
Production unit operators	Ryohei Nakano (In cases where the UoA and UoC include a number of vessels/ farms)
Information to identify Micro family business	This is not Micro family business.
Harvest/production data	about 100 ton /year of Euglena and about 100 ton /year of Chlorella
History of the Production unit	Yaeyama Shokusan Co.,Ltd from 1975. our company built more 13 culture pool in1984.
Other production unit in the area	None (A description of other production units in the vicinity not subject to the certification that may interact with the fishery being assessed)
Main commercial market	consumer market of healthy food and cosmetics
Any other information the CAB wishes to provide (including any specific issues within the production unit that need to be highlighted).	This field is optional.

## Audit details

<b>Conformity Assessment Body (CAB)</b>	Name of the CAB: AMITA Corporation
	Name of assessment team leader : Naoya Ogawa
	Name of first point of contact for the assessment (if different to the assessment team leader).: same as above
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<b>Client</b>	euglena Co.,Ltd. (Name of company)
	Yuta Asayama (Name of first point of contact for the assessment (if different to the assessment team leader))
	Manager, Production Technology Development Department Quality Assurance Division (Position in the client organisation)
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<b>Type of audit</b>	Surveillance
<b>Estimated length of the audit and timeline</b>	Site visit: 15th July, 2021 Surveillance Report: 14th Sep. 2021
<b>Team Leader</b>	Naoya Ogawa: He will be the Team Leader and will lead the audit. He is a Environmental science expert. He has been a ASC farm certification auditor for five years and has experience of ASC farm audit more than 30. He completed ASC-MSC seaweed auditor training. He will also be a social auditor. He participated the social audit of ASC more than 20 and completed SA8000 advanced course training. He has no conflicts of interest in relation to the production unit under assessment.
<b>Proposed assessors</b>	
<b>Site visit Date</b>	15th July 2021
<b>Location and date of site visit</b>	Production site: 24.34653 N, 124.235802 E on 15th July 2021
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Company staff, Stockholder, consumer, processing company, logistics provider, local people, researchers
<b>Risk Based Framework</b>	RBF will not be used.
<b>Invitation for stakeholders</b>	"A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the production unit. For those parts of the assessment involving the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the production unit. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the production unit to participate in these meetings."

Stakeholders that do not wish or are not able to be interviewed at the site visit may send written information to the team. [CAR, 17.6.6.1]

## Chain of Custody information

Identify if the following risks are currently or potentially applicable	Description of risk factor if present.	Describe any traceability, segregation, or other systems in place to manage the risk.
a. The possibility of mixing or substitution of certified and non-certified product, including product of the same or similar appearance or species, produced within the same UoA.	There is no risk because only certified algae is to be produced within the UoA.	Only certified algae is to be produced within the UoA.
b. The possibility of mixing or substitution of certified and non-certified product, type of production/harvest, including product of the same or similar appearance or species, present during production, harvest, transport, storage, or processing activities.	Produced Euglena and Chlorella is dried and stored at the same facilities. There is a separate potential risk when processing operations are carried out in outsourced factories.	Only certified algae is to be dried and stored within the UoA after harvest. If processing is done in an outsourced factory, the processing factory must be independently CoC certified.
c. The possibility of subcontractors being used to handle, transport, store, or process certified products.	Dried Euglena and Chlorella are processed to be final product at outsourced factories, but currently, the product is not manufactured and sold as a certified product.	Outsourced factories will undergo independent CoC certification audits where necessary.
d. Any other opportunities where certified product could potentially be mixed, substituted, or mislabelled with non-certified product before the point where product enters the Chain of Custody.	No opportunities	No opportunities

## ~~Naoya~~ OGAWA

### A. PERSONAL DATA

1. Organization: Contract auditor of AMITA Corporation
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### B. WORK EXPERIENCE

- May 2019 - present Contract auditor of AMITA Corporation
- Apr. 2002 - Apr. 2019 AMITA Corporation, Japan
- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) certification auditor for Farming
  - Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification auditor for Chain of Custody (COC)
  - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification auditor for Forest Management (FM) and Chain of Custody (COC)
  - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) auditor for Chain of Custody (COC)

#### Work Contents

- Audit -**
- More than 30 experience of ASC farm audit in Japan for oyster, ~~scallops~~, salmon, seabream and algae farms
  - More than 30 experience of MSC/ASC COC audit for various kinds of companies such as processors, distributors, traders, etc.
  - More than 100 experience of FSC FM audit for various forests in Japan, such as plantation and natural forest managed by companies, forestry associations, cities, towns and villages, etc. from about 100ha to 143,000ha.
  - More than 200 experience of FSC COC audit for various kinds of companies and organizations such as sawmills, woodwork factories, furniture factories, house builders, log markets, paper mills, printing companies, distributors, etc.
  - Write reports both in English and Japanese.
- Promotion -**
- Organise FSC FM workshops for forest managers, ASC farm workshops for farm managers and FSC and MSC/ASC COC workshops for people who wish to be certified. Instruct participants at the workshops as an instructor. Create documents and presentation materials.

### C. EDUCATION

- Dec 2017 SA8000 Advanced Auditor Course
- Mar 2017 SA8000 Introduction and Basic Auditor Training Course
- May 2007 ISO 9000 Auditor / Lead Auditor Training Course (IRCA 1197759)
- March 2002 M.S. in Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo, Japan
- March 2000 B.S. in Agriculture, the University of Tokyo, Japan
- Major: Ecology

### D. Qualifications

Professional Engineer in Environment Section