

# ASI

## Accreditation Cost Estimates for MSC Accreditation Program: MSC Fisheries/Chain of Custody

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ASI has been appointed by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) to act as the MSC Accreditation Body operating the MSC Accreditation Program for the MSC Certification Scheme. This document provides an overview of the estimated accreditation costs to certification bodies relating to ASI's MSC Accreditation Program. The tables below provide estimates of the fees and charges that apply to applicant and accredited certification bodies for each step of the accreditation process.

Accreditation costs listed below were estimated from past applications. Accreditation costs will vary according to the individual circumstances of each certification body and will depend upon the scope of accreditation requested. Two scopes of accreditation are available within the MSC Accreditation Program:

- a. Fisheries and Chain of Custody
- b. Chain of Custody

Estimates presented below do not include direct costs associated with travel and accommodation of ASI assessors. Certification bodies will be invoiced on a cost-basis for all direct costs including travel, accommodation, and food. Direct costs incurred by local experts or other consultants will be invoiced on a cost basis as required.

The tables below do not include additional time that may be required of ASI to follow-up on non-conformities, investigate complaints, or process appeals. Certification bodies will be advised in writing of estimated costs associated with these activities.

Fees and daily rates are set by ASI for each calendar year. For 2008 ASI charges a discounted daily rate of EUR 550 per day for work performed by ASI assessors and EUR 550 per day for local experts. Fees and daily rates may be subject to change following 6 month advance notice.

Where possible ASI will seek to reduce costs by combining trips, especially on international travel.

Table 1 - Estimated costs for applicant CBs: MSC Fisheries and CoC Accreditation.

Step	Description of Charges	Cost Estimate (EUR)
General Fees	Application Fee	760
	Annual fee for applicant	380
Expenses/ Other Charges	Costs for travel, accommodation and food (per invoice, billed at cost)	As applicable
Initial Documentation Review	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Office Assessment(s) including preparation, stakeholder consultation, site audit, interim report	ASI Lead Assessor 3~5 days	1,650-2,750
Fisheries Assessment(s) including documentation review, witness stakeholder and assessment team meetings, interim report	ASI Lead Assessor 8~12 days	4,400-6,600
Chain of Custody Assessment(s) including preparation, witness assessment, interim report	ASI Lead Assessor 2~4 days	1,100-2,200
Final Accreditation Report	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Costs of travel and accommodation are not included and will depend on location		
<b>TOTAL of ASI Staff and Material</b>		<b>€ 9,390-14,890</b>

Table 2 - Estimated costs for applicant CBs: MSC Chain of Custody Accreditation.

Step	Description of Charges	Cost Estimate (EUR)
General Fees	Application Fee	760
	Annual fee for applicant	380
Expenses/ Other Charges	Costs for travel, accommodation and food (per invoice, billed at cost)	As applicable
Initial Documentation Review	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Office Assessment(s) including preparation, office audit, interim report	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Chain of Custody Assessment(s) including preparation, witness audit, report review	ASI Lead Assessor 2~4 days	1,100-2,200
Final Accreditation Report	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Costs of travel and accommodation are not included and will depend on location		
<b>TOTAL of ASI Staff and Material</b>		€ 4,990-8,290

Table 3 - Estimated annual surveillance costs for accredited CBs: MSC Fisheries and CoC Accreditation.

Step	Description of Charges	Cost Estimate (EUR)
Annual Fee (Payable each April)	Fishery and Chain of Custody	1140
Expenses/ Other Charges	Costs for travel, accommodation and food (per invoice, billed at cost)	As applicable
Office Assessment	ASI Lead Assessor 2~4 days	1,100-2200
Minimum 1 witness fishery audit including preparation, stakeholder consultation, CB report review	ASI Lead Assessor 4~6 days	2,200-3,300
Minimum 1 Witness CB CoC audit including preparation, site audit, report review	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days (see note 1)	550-1,100
Final Accreditation Report	ASI Lead Assessor 2 days	1,100
Costs of travel and accommodation are not included and will depend on location		
<b>TOTAL of ASI Staff and Material</b>		<b>€ 6,090-8,840</b>
Note 1: ASI procedures for sampling will be made available on request		

Table 4 - Estimated annual surveillance costs for accredited CBs: MSC CoC Accreditation.

Step	Description of Charges	Cost Estimate (EUR)
Annual Fee (Payable each April)	Chain of Custody	760
Expenses/ Other Charges	Costs for travel, accommodation and food (per invoice, billed at cost)	As applicable
Office Assessment	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days	550-1,100
Minimum 1 witness CB CoC audit including preparation, site audit, report review	ASI Lead Assessor 1~2 days (See note 1)	550-1,100
Final Accreditation Report	ASI Lead Assessor 1 day	550
Costs of travel and accommodation are not included and will depend on location		
<b>TOTAL of ASI Staff and Material</b>		€ 2,410-3,510
Note 1: ASI procedures for sampling will be made available on request		