

SAS Africana conducts MSC-required "hake survey" for DAFF

According to *DefenceWeb*, sea fishery patrols and research is now carried on by the SA Navy. The Departments of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) has failed to award a tender to civilian maritime companies to operate the department's patrol and research fleet.



DefenceWeb says that the importance of putting the DAFF vessels to sea was stressed when recent media reports noted that SA's commercial hake trawl fisheries could lose their Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) membership next month as a result of SA missing this year's MSC-required "hake survey". This could cut the fishing industry off from the lucrative European market and jeopardise thousands of jobs. The survey is usually conducted by the DAFF vessels and it is this survey that the SAS Africana is presently conducting.

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