

## Process of Third-Party Assessment and Certification

### Assessment Steps

An ISO 17065 Accredited Certification Body will conduct the assessment and certification of fisheries to the G.U.L.F. Standard. The Certification Body is responsible for ensuring the competency and consistency of the assessment practices.

### Eight Stages in the Assessment Process

The assessment process, from application to certification, contains eight major steps as highlighted in the figure below. If certified, the fishery enters annual surveillance assessments for continuing certification. Re-certification occurs after a period of five years, with annual surveillance audits taking place within this period.

