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# MRAG Americas, Inc.

## DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle

### MSC Variation Request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	09 March 2020
2	CAB
	MRAG Americas, Inc.
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	DFPO Limfjord mussel and cockle , MSC-F-31219 (MRAG-F-0050)
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Julian Addison/Amanda Stern-Piriot
5	Request prepared by
	Amanda Stern-Piriot
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.1 7.30.1
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?

	None
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**Table 2 – Variation justification**

1	Proposed variation	
	FCP v2.1 7.30.1 states that the CAB shall announce the reassessment of a certified fishery no later than 90 days after the fourth anniversary of the existing certificate. This fishery's fourth anniversary of its existing certificate is 04 January 2020. The 90 day deadline to announce a reassessment is 03 April 2020. MRAG requests an additional 6 weeks from 03 April 2020.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	03 April 2020
	Modified deadline date requested	15 May 2020
	Length of additional time requested	6 weeks
3	Justification	
	This fishery has been combined with two other DFPO fisheries to include DFPO Inner Danish Waters blue shell mussel and DFPO Limfjord oyster dredge. With this consolidation we are aligning all three fishery audit dates. The assessment team has limited availability to carry out the site visit (in early June), and has provided assurance that the entire reassessment process will conclude before the late-December expiration of the current certificate for Limfjord.	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	There are no other implications for the assessment.	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment	
	There are no implications for the assessment.	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	The fishery has one outstanding condition that is expected to be closed out on the 4 <sup>th</sup> surveillance audit. Additionally, the condition is on PI 3.2.4 which is no longer included in v2.0. No implications for progress.	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?	
	An Announcement Comment Draft Report and supporting announcement documents for the combined fishery is expected to be published the first week of May.	
8	Further comments	
	Please include any further relevant information.	
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request	