

15th December 2015

Fiji Albacore Tuna Longline fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd

Notification – Delayed Site Visit

- » This fishery has a certification date of 12th December 2012, and where possible the surveillance audit commences as close to that anniversary date as possible.
- » The MSC allow a 6 month period after the anniversary date in which to complete the surveillance audit (according to CRv2.0 7.23.6.1) as long as the reasons are stated when the site visit is announced.
- » In this case, it has been decided that the Fiji Albacore Tuna Longline surveillance audit will take place after the harmonisation scoring meeting scheduled by the MSC for March 2016 so that the most up to date methods are used. The surveillance will still be completed within the 6 month window and will therefore comply with the MSC process.
- » Acoura Marine wished to make stakeholders aware of this delay so as to avoid any uncertainty, and further information will be provided when the site visit is announced.

Any further enquiries should be sent in the first instance to:

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