

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	08/14/2015
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	SCS Global Services
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Northeastern Tropical Pacific Purse Seine Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna fishery
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<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	CRv1.3 (27.4.3 & 4.12)
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No.

### 1. Proposed variation

The SCS Global Services team requests a variation to CR V1.3 (27.4.3) to revise the unit of assessment for the Northeastern Tropical Pacific Purse Seine Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna fishery by subdividing the current two units (Yellowfin and Skipjack) by set-type: dolphin-associated, object-associated, and unassociated), for a total of 6 units of assessment.

### 2. Rationale/Justification

The fishery may be most accurately scored by set type to account for different P2 scoring outcomes of the three distinct set types within the purse seine gear used in the fishery. This change has no material effect on the scope of work, species, or impacts considered by the team. This adjustment to the unit of assessment has potential to demand more robust traceability on the part of the client, more specific conditions and will provide risk management benefits. Should a certain set type be found problematic, it may be removed without threatening the status of other set types used within the fishery (this is not currently required and this change is not being requested to remove a particular set from full assessment).

### 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

This variance will affect the structure of the scoring, with a total of 6 distinct units of assessments, each with their own respective set of scores, based on the set-type specific impacts.

### 4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No. If approved, stakeholders will be informed primarily via posting of this announcement to the MSC website. As stated in the rationale, this variance will have no impact on the scope, species, or impacts considered.

### 5. Further Comments

Thank you for your consideration.

<b>6. Confidential Information</b>