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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.16.1 for FPO Icelandic capelin

Dear Lucia Revenga,

I write with reference to your submission on 14/06/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The CAB proposes that the site visit for this fishery be conducted remotely for the assessment team, as opposed to conducting a fully onsite visit to Iceland and the Faroe Islands. Note that Principle experts for P1, P2 and P3 have already participated in the assessment of the ISF Icelandic capelin fishery (same fishery, same waters, different client), including the attendance to the relevant site visit.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.16.1 state:

The team shall carry out the site visit as planned

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- Travel restrictions are in place.
- Health risk for assessment team.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Assurance Services International