

Marine Stewardship Council Use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF)

1	Name of fishery	Suriname Atlantic Seabob Shrimp fishery
2	CAB	Acoura Marine
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	29/02/2016
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	29 th February 2016
5	PI that RBF is to be applied to	PI 2.1.1
6	<p>Justification for use¹</p> <p>PI that RBF is to be applied to</p> <p>Justification for use¹</p>	<p>None of the fish species considered under retained catch have detailed stock assessments carried out. Because of this and uncertainties with respect to the estimated quantities retained in the seabob fishery in the years prior to 2010, it has not been possible to assess the status of main retained species using the conventional MSC Assessment Tree scoring methodology. Consequently, the Risk Based Framework (RBF) has been applied to assess the likelihood that the fishery poses a risk of serious or irreversible harm to retained species or hinders the recovery of other depleted species.</p> <p>PI 2.2.1</p> <p>The status of individual bycatch species is in the main unknown, as none of the species are subject to meaningful stock assessments or have management plans in place. Accordingly, it has been necessary to apply the MSC Risk Based Framework in order to assess the likelihood that the fishery poses a risk of serious or irreversible harm to bycatch species, or that it may hinder the recovery of depleted species.</p>

¹ Note that it is required that stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (FCR Annex PF 2.1.1.5). The stakeholder comment and CAB response shall be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCR 7.15.4.1).