

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	07 October 2014
Conformity Assessment Body	SCS Global Services
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	PNA Tuna Fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Dr. Sabine Daume
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	Part C, CRV1.3 Section 27.22.5
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

SCS proposes to meet with PNA officials, advisors and stakeholders in Nadi, Fiji instead of the Marshall Islands (the location of the PNA office).

2. Rationale/Justification

Eight countries belong to the PNA which has its office in Majuro, Marshall Islands. Not all fishery representatives which the SCS Assessment Team would like to meet with reside in Majuro, so considerable travel for PNA members would be required if the onsite were to be held in Majuro. The PNA officials and advisors will be transiting through Nadi, Fiji for meetings and other business. On request by the client, SCS proposes to hold the fishery onsite meeting in Nadi when officials, advisors and key stakeholders are all in the same place. This will reduce travel costs and more time efficient for attendees and the assessment team.

SCS appreciates the need to also be available for interviews with stakeholders that are not located in Nadi, Fiji have expressed interest in meeting with the assessment team that. SCS will communicate directly with the identified stakeholders by email to be sure that information from these stakeholders is accurately captured and considered. Both local and non-local stakeholders will be provided with SCS contact details so that interview arrangements can be made suitable for the nature of concern and logistics of meeting in-person.

Given that the inputs and outputs from an on-site visit to Nadi would be the same as one to Majuro, we consider that this request does not alter the conformity of the applicant or certificate holder with the MSC standard. On that basis, a variation is requested to allow the on-site visit to be held in Nadi, Fiji where the auditors would meet with the relevant personnel and key stakeholders interested to meet in-person. Stakeholders will be informed about the location of the meeting as part of the formal announcement of the on-site visit and with direct email to known stakeholders.

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

None. The audit team will meet with the same people in Nadi as it would in Majuro and have access to the same documentation. Stakeholder input will be collected in the same manner, regardless of location of onsite visit.
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4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
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	The location of the onsite will be published as part of the formal announcement and communicated by email if variance is granted.
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5. Further Comments

N/A

6. Confidential Information

N/A
