

# Indonesia pole-and-line and handline, skipjack and yellowfin tuna of the Western and Central Pacific archipelagic waters

## **Stakeholder Advisory regarding Global Trust Certification's intention to conduct the Surveillance Audit outside of the allowed 6 month window**

Global Trust Certification wishes to notify stakeholders that we intend to carry out the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance of the above fishery outside the 6-month window allowed under the MSC FCP v2.2 §7.28.8.1.

The MSC GCR v2.4.1 § 4.12.2.d prevents CABs from submitting a retrospective Variation Request. Therefore, Global Trust Certification has noticed that something should have been changed for the fishery client but it is too late to submit a Variation Request, Global Trust Certification is required to create an advisory to stakeholders regarding our proposed actions, including an explanation for why the deviation occurred and how it is being addressed (in accordance with MSC GCR v.2.4.1 Guidance 4.12.2.d); this document represents that advisory.

### **Why the deviation occurred**

The fishery was certified on 26 January 2021, so the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance audit should have been undertaken no later than 26 July 2022. However, this did not take place for administrative reasons that were outside of our control, as follows:

1. In June 2022, Global Trust Certification had to carry out a review of a potential conflict of interest of the proposed Principle 3 assessor which delayed the surveillance announcement.
2. A contract agreement was not in place for carrying out the surveillance audit within the allowed timeframe which delayed the surveillance announcement.

### **How the deviation is being addressed**

In order to return the fishery to conformity with the prescribed timeframes and requirements as outlined in the MSC FCP v2.2, the following will take place:

- Global Trust Certification will conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance audit of the fishery albeit outside the allowed window.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> surveillance audit will take place within 6 months of the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the certificate (i.e. by 26 July 2023).
- A total of 4<sup>th</sup> surveillance audits will still be held during the lifetime of the fishery certificate.

**Consequence of the deviation**

The deviation will result in the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance being conducted outside of the allowed 6-month window. The level of risk posed by the proposed action is deemed low as Global Trust Certification can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fishery Standard.

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