

Change to the Unit of Assessment (UoA) for the French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders that a variation request has been submitted to and accepted by the MSC to change the UoA of the assessment to include the stock of the Eastern Pacific yellowfin and the management of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

The following factors were presented in support of the variation request:

- The pre-assessment identified that catches of yellowfin would come from the Western Central Pacific Ocean Stock
- More accurate information has been gathered indicating catches of yellowfin also come from the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) stock
- A 30-day stakeholder input period will take place upon acceptance of this request given that it adds the EPO stock as a Unit of Assessment

MEC would therefore like to take this opportunity to invite stakeholders to comment on this change in UoC. MEC would also like to make it clear that the assessment team are available to meet with stakeholders (by phone or Skype) if they would like to discuss any issues resulting from this change.

This consultation period will expire at **17:00 GMT on the 21st July 2017**.

Further information on this fishery can be seen on the MSC's website here: - <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/french-polynesia-albacore-and-yellowfin-longline-fishery/@@view>

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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