



Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	13 th April 2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name	PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin, unassociated / non-FAD set, tuna purse seine
Programme Manager	Billy Hynes
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	GCR V2.1 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the certificate of the fishery from 20 th June 2017 until the 31 st August 2017 (further to an earlier certificate extension request made in March 2016).	
2. Rationale/Justification	
The PNA Skipjack fishery entered reassessment on the 6 th August 2016 and a variation has been submitted to the MSC to extend the deadline for submission of the PCDR to the 6 th June 2017 due to harmonisation discussions (further details in that variation). With that extension in place, the 30-day consultation period may run until the 6 th of July. The 31 st of August is chosen as a reasonable timeframe to allow for the consultation periods required by the assessment process and team responses.	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
Acoura can confirm that we have no reasons to doubt the ability of the fishery to meet the standard and it is expected that once this delay has passed, the assessment will continue as planned.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No, stakeholders will be notified when this request is published on the MSC website.
5. Further Comments	
None thank you.	