



Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Certification

Fishery:

Chilean mussel fishery and suspended culture Toralla S.A. and Cultivos Toralla S.A.,
Región X, Chile

Certification Body:

Institut für Marktökologie, IMO

CAB statement on peer reviewers

The peer reviewers Christian Diaz Peralta and José Carlos Macias were proposed on the MSC website by IMO on the 22nd of May 2012. Stakeholder comments were received regarding the experience of the proposed peer reviewers in MSC procedures, the knowledge of the Chilean mussel cultures within the X region, the accredited expertise and academic qualification in principle 1 and 2. In addition, the stakeholders were concerned about the “standards and process used by IMO to select the peer reviewers which led to doubts about the efforts deployed by IMO in order to select suitable peer reviewers in a transparent and accountable manner”. Compliance and suitability of the two peer reviewers Christian Diaz Peralta and José Carlos Macias was revisited by IMO and found to be adequate. In addition, the MSC standard and process on requirements for the selection of peer reviewers was further explained to concerned stakeholders. Nevertheless, due to the stakeholder concerns, an additional peer reviewer Maria Manira Matamala Farran was appointed on suggestion of the stakeholders and proposed on the MSC website by IMO on the 2nd of August 2012. The start of the peer review was announced on the MSC website by IMO on the 8th of February 2013 with the deadline of completion on the 22nd of February 2013. The peer reviews of José Carlos Macias and Christian Diaz Peralta were received in time. However, the peer review of Maria Manira Matamala Farran was never received despite signed contracts being in place. All trials of correspondence by the head office, local representatives and the assessment team failed. The CAB continued to try and clarify what may have happened, but to date nothing was received and therefore this additional peer review will not be part of this assessment.

Best regards to all interested persons.

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