

Lloyd's Register

South Africa hake trawl

MSC Variation Request

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	24 th July 2019
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	South Africa hake trawl (MSC-F-31187)
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
	Louise Allan
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	7.30.1 The CAB shall announce the reassessment of a certified fishery no later than the date 90 days after the fourth anniversary of the existing certificate. Exact timing and planning of the reassessment shall remain the responsibility of the CAB, in consultation with the client.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	Publish the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) and announce the re-assessment of the fishery more than 90 days after the fourth anniversary of the existing certificate. We propose to announce the re-assessment by 25 th October 2019 (150 days after the fourth anniversary) representing an extension to the deadline of 60 days.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	25 th August 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	25 th October 2019
	Length of additional time requested	60 days
3	Justification	
	<p>The certificate anniversary of the fishery was the 25th May 2019. The re-assessment process began in March, with the intention that a site visit should take place during May. During the process of drafting the Announcement Comment Draft Report the assessment team engaged in harmonisation discussions with the CAB carrying out the assessment for the Namibian hake fishery during March and April 2019. These harmonisation discussions identified issues concerning MSC Principle 1 and Principle 3 for the shared deep water hake (<i>Merluccius paradoxus</i>) stock that both assessment teams decided would require further investigation in order to ensure that the assessment outcomes for each fishery were robust and fully justified. A decision was taken in April to postpone the scheduled site visit while these harmonisation discussions were carried out.</p> <p>Following harmonisation discussions in June and July the CABs for both the South African and Namibian fisheries have reached a consensus view on a harmonised condition for PI3.1.1, and are also discussing their approach to harmonisation for Principle 1. Both CABs are continuing to work together to finalise the harmonisation process, with the next harmonisation discussion scheduled for 21st August 2019.</p> <p>The extension of the 90-day deadline is requested in order to provide time for LR to complete the harmonisation process and to liaise with its South African client to agree the ACDR after the last harmonisation discussion.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	No impacts on stakeholders – stakeholders opportunity for input will not be affected. The rest of the assessment process timeline will be squeezed given the certificate expiry date. However, is expected that the assessment will conclude before the current certificate expires – see Section 7 for indicative timeline.	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	N/A	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	Four – progress of these conditions will not be affected and their status will be assessed during the re-assessment site visit as the 4 th surveillance will take place at the same time.	

7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	<p>Announcement Comment Draft Report is being drafted. Pending outcome of variation request the site visit will take place at the end of October or November with ACDR being ready by 25th October at the latest.</p> <p>Indicative approximate timeline: ACDR completed – mid September to mid October Announcement of assessment – late September to late October (dependent on ACDR completion) Site visit – late October to late November (dependent on ACDR completion and announcement timings) Client and peer review draft report – mid January PCDR – mid March Final Report – mid April PCR and re-certification – by 25 May 2020 (current certificate expiry)</p>
8	Further comments
	- Please include any further relevant information.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

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2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
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3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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