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Sent by email

Date: 24 January 2014

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.22.2

Dear Chrissie Sieben,

I write with reference to your submission on 16 January 2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow the upcoming surveillance audit for the Scapêche and Compagnie de Pêche de St. Malo saithe fishery to be held remotely.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the location of surveillance audits are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- All conditions have been closed.
- All information required for the surveillance audit can be provided remotely, and a telephone or Skype conference will be held between the client group representatives and the team leader. The information collected will be considered and reported on by the entire surveillance team.
- MEP feels that this change in surveillance will not alter the sustainability of the fishery.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the Certification Requirement in this case subject to the following conditions:

- All stakeholders will be given the opportunity for an in-person meeting, if desired.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dan Hoggarth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "Hoggarth" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Hoggarth  
Fisheries Oversight Director  
Marine Stewardship Council

cc: ASI