

# Marine Stewardship Council

## Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed or send to [coc@msc.org](mailto:coc@msc.org) if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2012
<b>Certification Body</b>	Intertek Moody Marine
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	South African Hake Trawl Fishery MML-F-005
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Jim Andrews
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	CR v1.2 §27.22.13

#### **Proposed variation**

*The MSC Scheme requires that the surveillance report should be forwarded to the MSC within 30 days of the site visit being completed.*

*The surveillance audit for this fishery took place between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. The deadline for submitting the surveillance report should therefore be Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012.*

*The variation requested is that the period for submission of the surveillance report is extended by 90 days. The deadline for submitting the surveillance report would be **8<sup>th</sup> July 2012**.*

#### **Rationale/Justification**

*During the course of the site visit and subsequent investigations, the assessment team has identified certain changes in the observer coverage in this fishery which may require re-scoring of one or more Performance Indicators.*

*The Assessment Team consider that additional time is required in order to fully evaluate and respond to these changes, and to allow for the client fishery to respond to any changes in the scoring of any Performance Indicators, if this is necessary.*

*MSC Certification Requirements specify that the client should have the opportunity to review the draft surveillance report (§27.22.12) and that should any new conditions be generated as a result of the Assessment Team's deliberations, the client should submit a Client Action Plan (§27.11.2).*

*Although the Certification Requirements do not specify a timescale for producing a Client Action Plan, they do specify that a period of up to 30 days should be allowed for the response to the Preliminary Draft Report (§27.12.2.3). They also require that the Certified Accreditation Body, Intertek Moody Marine, should find evidence that adequate funding and / or resources are available to address the conditions (§27.11.4).*

*The Assessment Team therefore conclude that a period of up to 90 days may be required to finalise the surveillance report for this fishery.*

*This extension will have no effect on the timing of subsequent surveillance audits, which will occur on or before the certificate anniversary for this fishery (17<sup>th</sup> March).*

<b>Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>
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<i>Not applicable.</i>
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<b>Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
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	IMM will post a notice to the MSC by 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr 12, to inform stakeholders that that the publication of S2 report is delayed pending further information. Publication is likely on or before 09 Jul 12. Stakeholders will be informed of the publication by MSC (posting and email) and IMM email
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<b>Further Comments</b>
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<i>Please include any further relevant information.</i>
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