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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Chilean mussel fishery and suspended culture Toralla S.A and Cultivos Toralla S.A

Dear Macarena Garcia,

I write with reference to your submission on 27/09/2016 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

To allow to delay the submission of the surveillance report until 11th November at the latest (30 days after deadline).

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 state:

This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website

These 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 supporting your request, including:

The milestones to achieve this second year were ambitious and complicated for the client. The information given by the client to address the milestones for the second year was extensive and complex. The team need more time to analyse the information and to modify the milestones for the following years to align them with the current situation of the fishery.

The only implication for the fishery is the delay on the publication of the surveillance report. The CAB can confirm that it is not aware of any factor that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.

The report is expected to be submitted by the 11 November 2016.

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

Stakeholders are informed

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Accreditation Services International