

# Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	9 <sup>th</sup> of February 2016
Name of CAB	BUREAU VERITAS IBERIA
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	SOUTH BRITTANY SARDINE PURSE SEINE FISHERY F-BV-552727-FR
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Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.5.6 Fishery Certificate

## 1. Proposed variation

*The certification of the South Brittany sardine purse seine fishery was established from the 30 July 2010 to the 29 July 2015. The last surveillance audit was conducted in June 2014.*

*The re-assessment commenced in April 2015.*

*In order to end with the harmonization scoring with other fisheries (Cornish and Spanish) we need more time for the experts and stakeholders to agree in the final scoring for the RBF of PI 1.1.1. Therefore following the MSC FCR V2.0, Bureau Veritas certification request:*

*- a variation to the requirement MSC CR 7.5.6 with an extension of 3 months of the duration of the certificate, moving the validity date from 29 March 2016 to 29 June 2016.*

*In addition, BV is currently suspended for MSC Fisheries. Therefore, we are not allowed to take certification decisions including for re-assessments. The period needed for lifting the suspension might also result in additional delay.*

## 2. Rationale/Justification

*Please explain how the request does not alter the conformity of the applicant or certificate holder in relation to the relevant MSC standard. Please include details of how the fishery remains consistent with the standard with respect to this alteration of procedure.*

*The main issue for the Re assessment of the fishery was to deal and harmonize with one fishery certified (Cornish fishery) and with a new fishery under assessment (Bay of Biscay sardine). The results of the RBF for PI 1.1.1 have led to different outcomes as the ones presented in the initial assessment (2010). Indeed the 3 teams together with the scientific stakeholders continue gathering more information of other fisheries targeting sardine from other Countries in order to complete properly the RBF.*

*This wide-ranging work has resulted in an important delay for the 3 fisheries. However, the teams are working hard and together to reach consensus on the final score of the fishery. Therefore, we hope that this variation only affects to the delay in timing of the Re assessment report.*

## 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

*The implications for the assessment will be firstly a delay on the publication of the Re assessment report. However, we need to point out that the outcome of the RBF might lead to a different scoring of Principle 1.*

<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	Variation request uploaded on ecert and information sent to stakeholders.
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**5. Confidential Information [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]**

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*e.g. if the rationale section includes a statement that the variation to continue all the steps of the assessment is needed because the client has instructed the CAB not to proceed, the CAB can use this section to mention that the reason for the client's instructions is that the client has insufficient funds to continue with the assessment due to unforeseen costs thus making it impossible for the CAB to complete the assessment.*