

Risk Based Framework (RBF) not being used on the French Polynesia albacore and yellowfin longline fishery

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders that the RBF will not be used on the above fishery.

At the announcement of the fishery, it was envisaged that the RBF would be used to score PI 2.2.1 (Secondary species outcome) as the stock status reference points for some 'out of scope' secondary species (e.g. some bird species) were unlikely to be available. However, during the site visit in Papeete, Tahiti on the 18 to 20th January 2017, it became apparent that the reference points were available and the team could score PI 2.2.1 under the default assessment tree as normal.

Further information on this fishery can be seen on the MSC's website here: - <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/french-polynesia-albacore-and-yellowfin-longline-fishery/@@view>

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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