

# Global Trust Certification

## Baie de Saint-Brieuc scallop dredge fishery

### MSC Variation Request

#### 1 Introduction

This form details the information Global Trust is required to submit to the MSC to enable the MSC to consider an application to vary from a clause or requirement in any of the MSC program documents.

Once a Variation Request has been submitted the MSC will consider that request and will usually respond within 14 days.

#### 2 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

**Table 1.** Variation request.

1	Date submitted to MSC
	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
2	CAB
	Global Trust Certification Limited
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Baie de Saint-Brieuc scallop dredge fishery
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Géraldine Criquet
5	Request prepared by
	Géraldine Criquet
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	<b>MSC FCP v.2.2 §7.16.1</b> "The team shall carry out the site visit as planned." <b>MSC Guidance to the FCP v.2.2 §7.16</b> "The full assessment team should attend all the meetings at the site visit. Where this could cause unreasonable costs or inconvenience, and where the assessment would not be adversely affected by some team members participating remotely, the CAB may submit a variation request."
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None. A variation for this requirement has not previously been accepted for this assessment of this fishery.

**Table 2.** Variation justification.

1	Proposed variation	
	<p>To allow the Principle 3 assessor (Sophie Des Clers) to attend the site visit remotely while the other team members will attend in person.</p> <p>Also, to allow the meeting with the scallop scientist to be held by conference call, with the full team attending remotely.</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	Not applicable
	Modified deadline date requested	Not applicable
	Length of additional time requested	Not applicable
3	Justification	
	<p>The site visit is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in Saint-Brieuc region (France).</p> <p>The Principle 3 assessor advised the lead assessor that she will not be able to travel during the period proposed for the site visit.</p> <p>The Ifremer scallop scientist will not be available to meet with the team in person during the period proposed for the site visit and a remote meeting is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</p> <p>Global Trust Certification determines that the assessment will not be adversely affected by the Principle 3 assessor attending the site visit remotely and by assessment team meeting with the scallop scientist via conference call. An assessment of the information availability and ability to verify information remotely is presented in the Table below.</p>	
	<b>Risk areas</b>	<b>Ability to verify remotely</b>
	<p>Sufficient information to enable an effective and robust fishery assessment process and comprehensive assessment against the MSC Fisheries Standard.</p>	<p>The assessment team has indicated the available information used to assign draft score ranges in the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR). The assessment team has not identified a large number of information gaps in Principles 1 and 3. No Principles 1 and 3 Performance Indicator has a draft score range of &lt;60 reported in the ACDR.</p> <p>Principles 1 and 3 fishery reports and documented evidence can be easily and transparently checked remotely and can be transmitted electronically to the assessment team in a form that can be easily interpreted. Information related to the fishery management system is available online.</p> <p>Moreover, the following Principles 1 and 3 related documents have been transmitted electronically to the assessment team for the ACDR drafting stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on the scallop productivity in the Baie de Saint-Brieuc for the 2013-2020 period.</li> <li>• Reports on the stock assessment of the scallop in the Baie de Saint-Brieuc for the 2012-2020 period.</li> <li>• A copy of the management decisions pertaining to the scallop fishery.</li> </ul> <p>The RBF is used to score the Performance Indicator 1.1.1 Scallop stock status. Stakeholder consultation to gather data and information to inform the scoring in conformity with the RBF requirements will be conducted with the Principle 1 assessor, the lead assessor responsible for Principle 2, RBF and Traceability on-site supported by the Principle 3 assessor remotely. These data and information will also be collected during the remote meeting with the scallop scientist.</p>

**Table 2.** Variation justification.

		In addition, Sophie Des Clers has knowledge of the French fisheries management system from previous involvement as Principle 3 assessor in several MSC assessments in France.
	Sufficient communication capability to effectively plan, conduct interviews and facilitate information sharing.	<p>There are ample opportunities and mechanisms to engage with clients and stakeholders including electronic forms of communication such as conference calls.</p> <p>Client and stakeholders scheduled to meet during the on-site visit are already aware that one of the team members is to attend meetings remotely. Also, the scallop scientist has accepted to meet with the assessment team remotely. None of the stakeholders contacted has raised any issues and the client confirmed that they have conferencing call equipment in place that has been extensively used during the covid-19 restrictions period.</p> <p>French is the common language spoken by the client and stakeholders. All the assessment team members are native/fluent French speakers therefore the assessment team is able to clearly exchange information with the client and stakeholders and to be clearly understood by all parties.</p> <p>During the on-site visit, the Principle 3 assessor will be 1h ahead of France. On the date agreed for the remote meeting with the scallop scientist, the assessment team members and the scallop scientist will be located on the same time zone. Therefore, meetings can be scheduled at reasonable mutually convenient times.</p>
	Based on the above, Global Trust Certification determines that the ability to verify information remotely is high. Therefore, having the Principle 3 attending the site visit remotely and the assessment team meeting with the scallop scientist via conference call is considered as a low risk. The assessment team 's ability to deliver a robust stakeholder consultation process would not be impaired.	
4	<b>Implications for assessment</b>	
	<p>The Principle 3 assessor (Sophie Des Clers) will attend the site visit remotely while the other team members will attend in person. And the meeting with the scallop scientist will be held by conference call, with the full team attending remotely.</p> <p>Global Trust Certification has not identified negative implications determining that the ability to verify information remotely is high.</p>	
5	<b>Mitigation of the implication for assessment</b>	
	Given that negative implications have not been identified, mitigations are not necessary.	
6	<b>How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?</b>	
	None. The fishery is currently under assessment.	
7	<b>What is the status of the current assessment or audit?</b>	
	The fishery entered full assessment on 13 January 2022.	
8	<b>Further comments</b>	
	No further comments.	
9	<b>If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request</b>	

### 3 Template information and copyright

This document was drafted using the 'MSC Variation Request Form – Fisheries v1.0'. While amendments have been made to formatting in order to comply with Global Trust Certification's corporate identity, Global Trust has ensured that content and structure follow that of the original template.

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**Table 3. Template version control.**

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2

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