

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.2

Date submitted to MSC	02/11/12
Conformity Assessment Body	Food Certification International Ltd
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	DFPO Denmark North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat Hake
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Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 24.2.2

Proposed variation
The fishery will not be withdrawn following the 18-month period from date of the on-site assessment visit.

Rationale/Justification
<p>The Grupo Regal Spain Hake Longline Fishery revised timeline has been extended (to show delivery of their final report before the end of February 2014).</p> <p>The timeline for the DFPO Denmark North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat Hake fishery is dependent upon the same limiting factors as the Grupo Regal Spain Hake longline fishery. Therefore, to harmonise with the Grupo Regal fishery, the DFPO assessment timeline should be benchmarked against the same key events.</p> <p>This will require delivery of the PCDR for the DFPO Hake fishery during or before August 2013. If this deadline is not met, the fishery assessment will be immediately withdrawn in September 2013.</p>

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)
Rather than withdrawing from the assessment process, this fishery will continue through all remaining stages.

Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No - stakeholders will be updated via announcement on the MSC website and via direct email notification
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