

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

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Conformity Assessment Body	IMM												
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Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Andrew Hough / Jason Combes												
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<p>CR v1.3</p> <p>7.4.2 A CAB shall suspend the certificate if a certificate holder does not agree to allow the CAB to hold a scheduled surveillance audit within ninety days of due date</p>												
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No												

1. Proposed variation

Surveillance audit was not completed within 12 months of the certification date nor within ninety days of due date. This variation is to avoid suspension against CR v1.3 7.4.2 and thereby permit a delayed surveillance audit 1 – 2013

2. Rationale/Justification

Due to funding difficulties the client was not able to commission Surveillance audit 1 – 2013. The 90 day countdown to suspension commenced on the certificate anniversary and will expire at 1700 GMT on 09 Nov 2013. The client is reasonably certain that funding will be available and has requested additional time (>90d) to secure the funding to commission Surveillance audit 1 – 2013.

IMM have assessed the situation. These fisheries passed full and reassessment in 2012. The fishery is likely to continue to conform with the MSC standard and the sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by the delay of surveillance audit 1 – 2013. If issues are found at the delayed surveillance audit 1 - 2013 then the assessment team can take appropriate action at that time.

IMM propose a delayed site visit for Surveillance audit 1 – 2013 to take place no later than the end of Feb 2014. As per CR requirement the audit report will be submitted to MSC within 30 days after the site visit. Surveillance audit 2 – 2014, 3 – 2015 and 4 – 2016 will be unaffected and need to take place as per the certificate anniversaries.

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

There is a risk that issues that would have been identified at the certificate anniversary will not be identified and addressed until the delayed Surveillance audit 1 – 2013.
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4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No. This variation request is notice to stakeholder

5. Further Comments

None

6. Confidential Information
<i>None</i>