

MSC Variation Request

FAROE ISLANDS SILVER SMELT

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

15.12.2022

1. Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1: Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
15.12.2022	
2	CAB
DNV Business Assurance	
3	Fishery name and certificate number
Fishery name: Faroe Islands silver smelt Certificate number: MSC-F-31324	
4	Lead auditor or program manager
Lead auditor: Lucia Revenga	
5	Request prepared by
Lucia Revenga	
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
MSC GCR v2.4.1 Section 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fishery certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.	
7	How many times has a variation against this requirement been accepted during this assessment or audit of this fishery?
None	

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
To extend the validity of the certificate for a maximum of 3 months		
2	Additional time requested (where applicable)	
Original deadline date		28.02.2022
Modified deadline date requested		27.05.2022
Number of additional days requested		90
3	Justification	
<p>This is the 2nd recertification for this fishery. The certificate expires on 28.02.2023.</p> <p>The re-assessment process for this fishery started on 10th of February 2022 and initial audit took place remotely during 14-17 of March.</p> <p>Due to an unexpected change of the client management, the re-assessment process took longer than expected as additional time was required to allow new fisheries manager get up to speed with MSC Standard, re-assessment process and conditions. The fishery re-assessment process is now almost back on track and client action plan was received 13.12.2022 and due to go through the team's approval.</p> <p>However, this delay presents a risk that re-assessment might not be completed by certificate expiry date on 28.02.2023.</p>		
4	Implications for assessment	
<p>If this VR is not accepted and re-assessment process is further delayed due to the reasons stated above, the fishery would lose its certificate. Draft determination by the CAB and assessment team is to re-certify the fishery. Thus, the delay of re-assessment does not have any impact on compliance of fishery with the MSC standard.</p>		
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment	
No measures are required.		
6	How many conditions does the fishery have?	
There are 3 new conditions to the fishery, not related to any previously raised condition.		
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?	
Assessment is currently at Public Comment Draft Report preparation stage.		
8	Other relevant information	
None		
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request	

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The CAB shall delete Table 3.

Table 3: Template version control

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2
1.1	26 October 2022	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 and v3.0

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>).

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