

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	04/25/2016
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	SCS Global Services
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Tri Marine Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin tuna
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Sandy Morison (Lead Auditor)
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	CB 3.1.2 (V1.3)
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No

### 1. Proposed variation

*The variation requested here is not intended to diminish the relevance of finning and the importance of scoring such incidents: we are attempting to structure findings in the report in a manner that accurately represents two separate concepts relevant to scoring for Silky sharks – isolated records of finning and low level catch of a mandatory discard species – that are in different components in P2.*

*The SCS Global Services team therefore requests a variation to CB 3.1.2 (V1.3) to allow us to score content relevant to Silky Sharks in the most logical places in the Final Report, which includes under both retained and bycatch performance indicators, as relevant. In V2.0, it states under SA 2.1.3 that “The team shall consider each P2 species within only one of the Retained species, Bycatch species or ETP species components.”*

*We propose scoring finning in 2.1.2.e (as the scoring issue dedicated to addressing finning), and otherwise score Silky sharks under 2.2.x, because this species is a mandatory non-retained species, so is rightly a bycatch species.*

*We will not be categorizing Silky sharks as a “Main Retained” species, as they are neither retained, nor do they meet the normal requirements for “Main” (that they comprise either 5% of the catch by volume or are a vulnerable species and comprise 2% of catch by volume). As a species that comprises 0.1% of the catch silky sharks are a Minor species, and we will call them such in the Final Report. The species will be accounted for at the SG100 as a Minor bycatch species level under Pls 2.2x.*

### 2. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

*This will not affect current scores, nor content as presented to stakeholders for the PCDR.*

<b>3. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	<i>No, as this variance will have no impact on the outcome of the assessment.</i>
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<b>4. Further Comments</b>	<i>Thank you for your consideration.</i>
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<b>5. Confidential Information</b>	
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