

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	<i>18 September 2015</i>
Name of CAB	SCS Global Services
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Gulf of California Sardine, Mexico Cert # F-SCS-0026
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Dr. Sian Morgan, Sustainable Seafood Program Manager
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.23.18: The Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No.

1. Proposed variation	
<i>The SCS Global Services team requests to publish the 4th annual surveillance report by 30 October 2015. This is 100 days beyond the original due date of 21 July 2015.</i>	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<i>The extension will allow the results from the latest stock assessment of the Gulf of California sardine stock to be reviewed and incorporated into the surveillance audit report. To evaluate progress on the new condition on 1.1.1, the team must evaluate the peer reviewed stock assessment, which was received by SCS on September 14th, 2015. In addition, in light of a recent decline in catch, the assessment team is performing an evaluation of the broader oceanographic conditions and stock dynamics to ascertain whether the decline in catch signified a decline in stock. In order to permit thorough evaluation of this information, which is critical to the surveillance assessment, the team request to extend the deadline to October 30th, 2015.</i>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
<i>None. Surveillance audit cycle.</i>	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	<i>No, but stakeholders will be informed if granted and provided the report by 30 October 2015 via the MSC website.</i>
5. Further Comments	
<i>Thank you for your consideration.</i>	

