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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.1 FCP-7.30.1 for Chile squat lobsters and nylon shrimp modified Trawl

I write with reference to your submission on 17/02/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

For a delay in the announcement of the reassessment by 90 days.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.1 FCP-7.30.1 state:

The CAB shall announce the reassessment of a certified fishery no later than the date 90 days after the fourth anniversary of the existing certificate. Exact timing and planning of the reassessment shall remain the responsibility of the CAB, in consultation with the client

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- This postponement is to allow for condition progress to be published in the ACDR, which is currently scheduled to be published at the same time as the surveillance audit.
- This postponement is also to allow for the ACDR to be published at the same time as the Chile squat lobsters demersal trawl Camanchaca fishery - the two fisheries have historically had coordinated surveillance assessments.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The CAB shall inform the client that a delay to the reassessment announcement may result in the certificate expiring before the reassessment is complete and that the CAB and client cannot request a certificate extension unless there are extenuating circumstances that are outside the control of the client and CAB.
- Extended deadline is 12 September 2021.
- A stakeholder announcement shall be uploaded to Ecert for publication on the MSC website to inform stakeholders of the delay to the announcement of the reassessment.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Assurance Services International