



## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	18/04/16
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Suriname Atlantic Seabob Shrimp trawl
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Polly Burns
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	GCR v2.1 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>	
To extend the certificate, which currently expires on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2016, beyond this date to allow re-assessment to complete.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
This fishery was initially certified on the 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2011, and is currently undergoing it's re-assessment. Due to a delay caused by assigning team members to the project, this fishery could not enter re-assessment until significantly after it's certificate anniversary. The time remaining before the certificate expires is therefore not enough to complete the re-assessment. Extending the life of the certificate beyond its current expiry date of the 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 until 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 will allow the process to complete.	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
No other implications for this fishery's assessment. The 4 <sup>th</sup> surveillance audit will ensure that the fishery is still compliant with the MSC standards.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	No. Stakeholders will be notified when the response is given to this request.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
None, thank you.	

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The main reason for the delay with this fishery entering re-assessment was that the client took a long time to finalise and sign a contract with Acoura, which meant the site visit couldn't be organised. The delays caused by changes in team came after this, when one of the team members pulled out last minute, and another was deemed to be conflicted, so both required appropriate replacements. Both these factors contributed to the short time left to complete the re-assessment.