



Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS

# **ECHEBASTAR INDIAN OCEAN PURSE SEINE SKIPJACK TUNA**

## **MSC Variation Request**

# 1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

**Table 1 – Variation request**

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| 1 | Date submitted to the MSC                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|   | 15/09/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2 | CAB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|   | Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3 | Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number                                                                                                                                                                      |
|   | Echebaster Indian Ocean purse seine skipjack tuna                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4 | Lead auditor or program manager                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|   | Program manager: Diego Solé                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5 | Request prepared by                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|   | Diego Solé                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6 | Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested                                                                                                                                                                                |
|   | FCP 7.28.23.1 If the client has revised the Client Action Plan following surveillance, the CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 90 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website. |
| 7 | How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?                                                                                                                     |
|   | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Table 2 – Variation justification**

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| 1 | Proposed variation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
|   | The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Surveillance Report of the fishery has been scheduled to be published on 29 <sup>th</sup> September (considering the 90 days period on which the CAB shall upload the Surveillance report to the MSC database if the client revises the Client Action Plan, following FCP 7.28.23.1). However, Bureau Veritas requests to extend the publish date of this 3 <sup>rd</sup> surveillance report until 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 due to harmonisation with overlapping fisheries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |
| 2 | Additional time requested                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
|   | Original deadline date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29/09/2022 |
|   | Modified deadline date requested                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29/11/2022 |
|   | Length of additional time requested                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 months   |
| 3 | Justification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |
|   | <p>The closing meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, however, a new condition was identified by the assessment team and FCP 7.28.20.1 allows a period of 30 extra days for the client to prepare a Client Action Plan.</p> <p>There are three overlapping fisheries with Echebatar: (i) AGAC four oceans Integral Purse Seine tropical tuna fishery, (ii) CFTO Indian Ocean Purse Seine Skipjack Fishery and (iii) Maldives pole &amp; line skipjack tuna fishery.</p> <p>Taking into consideration the information reviewed during the current surveillance audit, the BV team would like to discuss scores on PI 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 3.2.3 with the other overlapping fisheries. Thus, on September 1<sup>st</sup> BV contacted the other CABs for harmonisation. Control Union and Global Certification Trust (assessing the CFTO and the Maldives fisheries, respectively) answered that their teams will only be available to fully engage on harmonisation discussions during October and November since the dates for their audits are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Control Union announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Surveillance audit of CFTO Indian Ocean Purse Seine Skipjack Fishery.</li> <li>- Maldives pole &amp; line skipjack tuna will announce its 4<sup>th</sup> surveillance audit and reassessment by the end of September and the visit will take place early November, as informed by the CAB.</li> </ul> <p>Thus, in order to align outcomes and scores between CABs, BV is requesting a variation against FCP2.2 7.28.20.1 and 7.28.23 to delay for 2 months the publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Surveillance report of the Echebatar Indian Ocean purse seine skipjack tuna fishery.</p> |            |
| 4 | If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |
|   | There are no negative implications for the assessment if the request is accepted. This circumstance will be adequately reported in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Surveillance Report of the fishery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |
| 5 | If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
|   | As there will be no implications for the assessment, no mitigation will be needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
| 6 | If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
|   | The fishery is facing its 3 <sup>rd</sup> surveillance audit with 9 open conditions on the following PIs: 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.3, 3.1.2, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2. The result of the harmonisation discussions would affect the progress of conditions on PI 1.2.1, PI 1.2.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |

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| 7 | What is the status of the current assessment or audit?                                            |
|   | Site visit already took place.<br>Surveillance report is waiting until harmonisation discussions. |
| 8 | Further comments                                                                                  |
|   | No further comments                                                                               |
| 9 | If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request                               |
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