

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed or send to coc@msc.org if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

Date submitted to MSC	2nd August 2012
Certification Body	Intertek Moody Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Zhangzidao Scallop (<i>Patinopecten yessoensis</i>) Fishery, North Yellow Sea
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Jo Akroyd Lead Auditor Anthony Liang (Lidong Liang) Project coordinator, China
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<i>CR v1.2 §27.4.3 – Amend unit of certification</i> <i>CR v1.2 §27.8.2 – Amend default assessment tree</i>

Proposed variation

There are two related parts of this variation request:

1. Amend the Units of Certification

It is proposed that the units of certification (UoC) are re-defined as follows:-

<i>Species</i>	<i>Japanese scallop (Patinopecten yessoensis)</i>
<i>Geographical Area</i>	<i>North Yellow Sea</i>
<i>Fishing Method /practice</i>	<i>1. Wild spat collection using suspended ropes and on grown in pearl nets (as original UoC), i.e. Catch and Grow (CAG)</i>
	<i>2. Spat collection from wild adults in hatchery conditions. Spat on grown in pearl nets (new UoC), i.e. Hatch and Catch (HAC)</i>
	<i>3. Harvesting of adult scallops from cultivated scallop beds using divers (as original UoC).</i>
	<i>4. Harvesting of adults scallops from cultivated scallop beds using dredge (as original UoC).</i>

2. Assessment Tree

It is proposed that Annex CK, "Modifications to the default Tree for Enhanced Bivalve Fisheries" of the Certification Requirements is used in the assessment of this fishery (this was not available at the time of the original announcement). This means consideration and scoring of:

- 1) the translocation PIs for the spat collection(CK2.1.4.2) for UoC 1 , which occurs 90 miles from grow out; and,*
- 2) hatchery enhancement (CK2.1.5.1) against the genetic PIs 1.1.4, 1.2.5 and 1.2.6 for UoC 2.*

Rationale/Justification

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Following the site visit in 2011 and follow up discussions with the client and stakeholders (including the MSC) and translation of information, it has been concluded that the Zhangzidao scallop fishery is an enhanced fishery based on an introduced species which includes an occasional hatch and catch(HAC) component. As a result, the units of certification need to reflect this and, in accordance with Certification Requirement (CR) 27.4.3, a variation request is required.

Furthermore, given the fishery is based on an introduced species and is enhanced, the assessment tree needs to be amended to take into account the translocation activities and potential genetic issues associated with the fishery practices. In order to use anything other than the default assessment tree the CR (section 27.8.2) requires a CAB to submit a variation request.

**Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request?
(required for fisheries assessment variations only)**

No

Further Comments

No further comments.

Confidential Information

No confidential information.