

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Name of CAB	SAI Global
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Chile Southern hake industrial trawl and longline fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Ivan Mateo/Julie McDonald
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	(MSC FCR v.2.0) 7.4.10 The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

### 1. Proposed variation

SAI Global would like to change the UoA and the UoC by adding mid-water trawl within UoA 1 and UoC 1 Industrial trawl, as follows (Please note that this change only affects the UoA 1 and UoC 1 Industrial trawl, the UoA 2 and UoC 2 Industrial longline remains unchanged):

#### Initial UoA 1

UoA 1 – Industrial Trawl	
Species	Southern hake ( <i>Merluccius australis</i> )
Geographical Area	FAO 87 (Pacific, Southeast) – Chile Fishing Areas X, XI and XII
Stock	Southern South America
Method of capture	Bottom trawl
Management system	Gobierno de Chile – Subsecretaría de Pesca y Acuicultura
Client Group and other eligible fishers*	Federacion De Industrias Pesqueras Del Sur Austral (FIPES) Three of the four fishing companies (Emdepes, Friosur and Deris) who participate in the Southern Hake Industrial fishery are represented by FIPES. Therefore other eligible fishers are those vessels operated by the remaining company which is not part of the client group.

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#### New UoA 1

UoA 1 – Industrial Trawls	
Species	Southern hake ( <i>Merluccius australis</i> )
Geographical Area	FAO 87 (Pacific, Southeast) – Chile Fishing Areas X, XI and XII
Stock	Southern South America
Method of capture	Industrial trawls including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scoring element 1 – Bottom Trawl</li> <li>▪ Scoring element 2 – Midwater Trawl</li> </ul>
Management system	Gobierno de Chile – Subsecretaría de Pesca y Acuicultura

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### **New UoC 1**

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<b>Stock</b>	Southern South America
<b>Method of capture</b>	<p>Industrial trawls including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scoring element 1 – Bottom Trawl</li> <li>▪ Scoring element 2 – Midwater Trawl</li> </ul>
<b>Management system</b>	Gobierno de Chile – Subsecretaría de Pesca y Acuicultura
<b>Client Group</b>	Federacion De Industrias Pesqueras Del Sur Austral (FIPES)

## **2. Rationale/Justification**

During the initial site visit held in November 2017, the assessment team found some issues relating to the assessment approach and gear definition regarding the initial unit of assessment identified at the announcement the fishery preparation stage.

Specifically, the gear types, originally identified as otter trawl gear and longline were in actual fact more accurately described as:

- Bottom otter trawl
- Mid-water trawl
- Longline

The client informed SAIG during the site visit that the Industrial trawl fleet commonly switch from bottom trawl to midwater trawl when towing on a normal fishing trip. Therefore the catch is not separated on-board by midwater/bottom trawl.

It is SAI Global's intention to nominate bottom trawl and midwater trawl as scoring elements included within a single UoA for Industrial Trawls as proposed above.

The assessment process is currently at the client draft report stage, scoring has not been completed yet and the assessment team needs to evaluate the new gear added into the unit of assessment.

## **3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)**

The extension will allow Southern hake caught with both trawl gears to be cover by the scope of the full assessment under one UoA (UoA1= Industrial Trawls) given that it is not possible to separate on-board catches from distinct trawl gears.

If the request is granted, SAIG will publish on the MSC website a revised Fishery Announcement including the new UoA 1, dates for an additional site visit, and a revised timeline.

<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	SAIG informed the client but not the other stakeholders. Stakeholders will be notified once the MSC's response to the VR is provided.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
N/A	