

Global Trust Certification

ISF Iceland capelin

MSC Variation Request

1 Introduction

This form details the information Global Trust is required to submit to the MSC to enable the MSC to consider an application to vary from a clause or requirement in any of the MSC program documents.

Once a Variation Request has been submitted the MSC will consider that request and will usually respond within 14 days.

2 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1. Variation request.

1	Date submitted to MSC
	4 th January 2022
2	CAB
	Global Trust Certification Limited
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	ISF Iceland capelin, MSC-F-31299
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Conor Donnelly
5	Request prepared by
	Conor Donnelly
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.2 §7.30.1 "The CAB shall announce the reassessment of a certified fishery no later than 90 days after the 4th anniversary of the existing certificate."
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.

1	Proposed variation
	FCP v2.2 §7.30.1: we propose to announce the reassessment of the certified ISF Iceland capelin fishery no later than 120 days after the 4 th anniversary of the existing certificate. This is an additional 30 days beyond the 90 days set out in the FCP. This would mean the announcement would take place by 16 th February 2022 rather than the 16 th January 2022.
2	Additional time requested
	Original deadline date
	16 th January 2022
	Modified deadline date requested
	16 th February 2022
	Length of additional time requested
	30 days

Table 2. Variation justification.

3	Justification
	For this re-assessment, we required further catch composition information beyond that available in the Client Information Checklist and consequently submitted a data request to Iceland's Fisheries Directorate (Fiskistofa) at the end of November (26 th). The data request was sizeable and took some time to process, with Fiskistofa providing the data just before Christmas (20 th December). With office closures over Christmas, this has left very limited time for the assessment team to complete analysis and review and given the data is integral to drafting and scoring Principle 2 it has also significantly affected progress towards completing this section. This proposed variation is to allow sufficient time for Principle 2 scoring to be completed and for the client to review the report and decide whether to proceed to announcement.
4	Implications for assessment
	<p>This request would have a positive impact in allowing additional time for the client to review the report before announcement. There should be no negative impacts in relation to meeting any other requirements including stakeholder input and completing the re-assessment within the proposed timeline and before certificate expiry.</p> <p>The site visit is being planned for April to coincide with the site visit stage of several other ISF audits we are undertaking. This is to ensure efficiencies in logistics and in particular stakeholder time. This proposed additional time would still allow the required assessment stages to be completed in time for an April site visit.</p>
5	Mitigation of the implication for assessment
	Not applicable as there won't be any impacts on the assessment if the request is accepted.
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	No conditions.
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	We are currently drafting the re-assessment ACDR. Depending on whether this VR is granted or not the assessment will be announced and the ACDR published by either the 16 th January or 16 th February 2022.
8	Further comments
	No further comments.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

3 Template information and copyright

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Table 3. Template version control.

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the [MSC website](https://www.msc.org) (msc.org).

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