

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	31/05/2016
<b>Name of CAB</b>	BUREAU VERITAS IBERIA
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	North and South Atlantic Swordfish longline fishery
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<b>Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested</b>	Related to MSC FCR v2.0 7.3.2: If the period from full assessment announcement to the receipt of the Final Report is more than 18 months, the CAB shall withdraw the fishery from the MSC assessment process.
<b>Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?</b>	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>	
To extend the deadline for the publication of the Final Report until 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2016.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
<p>The CAB updated the timeline in April 2016 justifying the delay of the PCDR due to Bureau Veritas Iberia temporal suspension. In addition, the new information period published in December and the use of the MSC fisheries requirements version (2.0) announcement in June 2015 has influenced in the team performance of the fishery assessment throughout the assessment process. The exclusion of the blue shark units of certification also has had implications in the writing of the Preliminary Draft Report.</p> <p>Upon further consultation with the team and client, the deadline of the 11th of August could be achieved if all the next steps in the process are undertaken with the minimum amount of feedback from the client and peer reviewers.</p> <p>This extended deadline will allow the client the time needed to prepare the Action Plan of the conditions raised in the Preliminary Draft Report.</p>	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
This will delay the submission of the Final Report and subsequent steps in the assessment process.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	As soon as the MSC approves the VR the stakeholders will be informed of the updated new timeline.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
<i>Please include any further relevant information.</i>	