

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	27/07/2016
Name of CAB	BUREAU VERITAS IBERIA
Fishery Name	North and South Atlantic Swordfish longline fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Macarena Garcia Silva
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	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.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the deadline for the publication of the Final Report until 18 th October 2016.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The CAB requested for an extension of the Final Report to 11th August 2016. The input expected by the client and the preparation of the Peer Review Draft Report is taken longer. Therefore, the deadline at this time is very tight taken into account the 30 days for public comments.</p> <p>On the other hand, a harmonisation meeting for Principle 1 is going to be held 22 & 23 August 2016 in Washington DC. Bureau Veritas Iberia is going to participate and will need to take into account the meeting outcomes for substantive changes. Stakeholders for our fishery will have the opportunity to input during the normal process of publishing the PCDR.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
The delay of the Final Report submission and subsequent steps in the assessment process.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	As soon as the MSC approves the VR the stakeholders will be informed of the updated new timeline.
5. Further Comments	
<i>Please include any further relevant information.</i>	