

3rd February 2017

Fiji Albacore and Yellowfin Tuna Longline

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine

Notification - Site Visit using RBF

This fishery is entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework>), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

The following performance indicators may be scored using the RBF:

- 2.2.1

The fishery assessment team will be making visits to the client in Suva, Fiji during week commencing 6th March 2017. If you would like to talk to the assessors, **please advise us of your interest by 17.00 GMT on 20th February 2017**, giving the following details:

- your name and contact details;
- your association with the fishery;
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

Enquiries should be sent in the first instance to:

Acoura Fisheries Department

fisheries@acoura.com

Marine Stewardship Council Use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF)

1	Name of fishery	Fiji Albacore and Yellowfin tuna longline
2	CAB	Acoura
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	3 rd February 2017
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	20 th February 2017
5	PI that RBF is to be applied to	2.2.1
6	Justification for use ¹	Stock status reference points may not be available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches, for secondary species.

¹ Note that it is required that stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (FCR Annex PF 2.1.1.5). The stakeholder comment and CAB response shall be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCR 7.15.4.1).