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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.1 FCP-7.16.1 for Jeong Il Corporation Antarctic krill fishery

Dear Henry Ernst,

I write with reference to your submission on 09/09/2020 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The CAB proposes that the site visit for this fishery be conducted remotely, as opposed to conducting an on-site visit in the Republic of Korea.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.1 FCP-7.16.1 state:

The team shall carry out the site visit as planned

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- There are travel restrictions and health risk concerns related to COVID-19 should the assessment team travel to South Korea to attend the site visit.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The CAB shall ensure that remote audits/assessments replicate on-site audits/ assessments as far as practicably possible.
- The CAB shall document in the assessment announcement and the assessment/audit report the information relating to the factors which have prevented an on-site audit.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Assurance Services International