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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Chile squat lobsters demersal trawl Camanchaca Fishery

Dear Macarena Garcia,

I write with reference to your submission on 30/04/2019 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The CAB a one-month extension for the submission of the surveillance report, postponing the deadline from the 12th of May 2019 to the 12th of June 2019.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 state:

This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website

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:

- Due to information gathered during the surveillance site visit, the team raised a new condition on PI 1.2.4 for all the UoCs in this fishery.
- The condition relates to the stock assessment performed at the national level and as such it will also apply to the overlapping fishery (Chile Squat Lobster Camanchaca Demersal Trawl Fishery).
- The extension will allow for: harmonization of milestones, for the clients to coordinate their action plans, and for the Chilean Fisheries Development Institute (IFOP) to be informed and agree with the action plans.

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 can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.
- The report shall be submitted no later than the 12th of June 2019.
- Stakeholders are informed.



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

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cc: Accreditation Services International