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Sent by email

Date: 21/11/2012

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.4.3 for SARPC toothfish

Dear Jo Gascoigne,

I write with reference to your submission on 21 November 2012 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow a change in of the Unit of Certification as defined in the Notification Report to cover the Kerguelen Islands only instead of both the Crozet and Kerguelen Island groups.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the definition of the Unit of Certification 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 in your letter supporting your request, including:

- During the assessment it was determined that insufficient information is available for the scoring of the fishery around the Crozet
- The PCDR for this fishery has yet to be published and can thus be amended to accommodate this reduction in the focus of the assessment.
- Stakeholders will be informed of the change in UoC

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

- A stakeholder announcement containing information on the change to the Unit of Certification is provided

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Good, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email [stephanie.good@msc.org](mailto:stephanie.good@msc.org) or +44 (0)20 246 8926.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Hoggarth', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Hoggarth

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cc: ASI, Chrissie Sieben