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## South Africa Hake Trawl

### MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a Fishery Assessment

#### 1 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.

There is now a consultation period which will complete in 30 days from the date of this announcement (27/10/19) at 5pm UTC) for stakeholders to comment on the PIs and rationale proposed on the following page.

The following performance indicators may be scored using the RBF:

- 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome
- 2.3.1 ETP Species Outcome
- 2.4.1 Habitats outcome

The fishery assessment team will visit the client in Cape Town, South Africa, during week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. If you would like to talk to the assessors, **please advise us of your interest at your earliest convenience before the site visit**, 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:

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## 2 Marine Stewardship Council use of the Risk-Based Framework

**Table 1 – Fishery information**

1	Fishery name
	South Africa Hake Trawl
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC
	27/09/19
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF
	27/10/19 at 5pm UTC
5	PI that the RBF is to be applied for
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome</li> <li>• 2.3.1 ETP Species Outcome</li> <li>• 2.4.1 Habitats outcome</li> </ul> <p>A plan for RBF is included in Section 7.3.2 of the ACDR.</p>
6	Justification for use
	<p><b>2.2.1 Secondary species outcome</b> There are no biologically based limits available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches for some of the species which are categorised as Secondary species.</p> <p><b>2.3.1 ETP Species Outcome</b> The impact of the fishery on ETP species cannot be analytically determined from the information currently available.</p> <p><b>2.4.1 Habitats outcome</b> In line with the MSC Fisheries Standard habitats guidance (GSA3.13.1.1), there is currently no information on habitats encountered and there is no information on the impact the fishery has on these habitats.</p>

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