

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	5 th June 2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin, unassociated / non FAD set, tuna purse seine
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Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.3.4 If the period from full assessment announcement to the receipt of the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR) by the MSC exceeds 9 months the CAB shall: (incl. 7.3.4.1-3)
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
The PCDR will be submitted to the MSC by close of business on the 15 th June 2016, later than the previously extended deadline of the 6th June 2017, the assessment will not be reopened to new information.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The Peer Review Draft Report was submitted to the MSC Peer Review College on the 26th April 2017. While the first Peer Review comments were received a week later, the second set of comments have taken more than a month (expected to be delivered on the 5th June 2017). This is for due to availability of the selected Peer Reviewer. The certificate for this fishery expires at the end of August meaning that a review of information consultation would critically delay later reporting stages and necessitate a further certificate extension.</p> <p>The existing certificate is valid until the 31st August and the proposed deadline respects that deadline allowing for the required consultations.</p> <p>Acoura knows of no risk to certification caused by this request.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
This Request is made to avert further delays to the assessment process.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
5. Further Comments	
N/A	