

Marine Stewardship Council Use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF)

1	Name of fishery	Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters
2	CAB	ME Certification Ltd
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	16th March 2017
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	
5	PI that RBF is to be applied to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.1.1 Stock status - 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome - 2.4.1 Habitats outcome
6	Justification for use ¹	<p>PI 1.1.1: Stock status reference points may not be available for all P1 target stocks.</p> <p>PI 2.2.1: Stock status reference points may not be available for all stocks assessed under the secondary species component.</p> <p>PI 2.4.1: It is not yet clear whether sufficient information will be available on the habitats encountered and how these may be impacted by the fishery.</p> <p>The use of the RBF for these PIs is being announced on a precautionary basis. Should it be determined that the RBF will not be required (and that the default assessment tree will instead be used), this will be announced to stakeholders by MEC.</p>

¹ Note that it is required that stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (FCR Annex PF 2.1.1.5). The stakeholder comment and CAB response shall be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCR 7.15.4.1).