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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Cantabrian Sea purse seine anchovy fishery

Dear Macarena Garcia,

I write with reference to your submission on 08/09/2016 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

Surveillance report will be submitted 4 weeks after current deadline of 21st September 2016

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:

- Bureau Veritas Iberia received an application to include new vessels in the certificate.
- Bureau Veritas identified the assessment components in the new proposed UoA and carried out a gap analysis to confirm which components are the same as described in FCR 7.22.4. This gap analysis has confirmed that the new fishers can be considered as 'eligible fishers' and they can be included in the certificate.
- The conditions established in the assessment are extended to the new vessels. The new vessels must fulfil the conditions in the same timeframes as the certificated vessels. Now the client is still in considering and discussing with the new vessels the conditions of the certificate extension.
- The sustainability status of the fishery is not believed to be affected by this change
- The delay will allow consideration of the conditions established by the certificate holder when issuing the certificate extension and also to assess the progress made by the new fleet towards reaching the conditions established.

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.
- 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.

Marine Stewardship Council

cc: Accreditation Services International