



MSC Variation Request v3.0

FISHERY NAME:

**ARGENTINE ANCHOVY (*Engraulis anchoita*), BONAERENSE STOCK, SEMI-
PELAGIC MID-WATER TRAWL NET FISHERY**

Certificate code: F-OIA-P-0200

CERTIFICATION BODY:

ORGANIZACIÓN INTERNACIONAL AGROPECUARIA S.A. (OIA)

Address: Av. Santa Fe 830, Acassuso (B1641ABN), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Tel/Fax: (+54) 11 4793-4340

ويا@ويا.ком.аr | www.ويا.ком.аr

ISSUE DATE:

23 April 2019

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	23 April 2019
2	CAB
	Organización Internacional Agropecuaria S.A.
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	F-OIA-P-0200 – Argentine anchovy (<i>Engraulis anchoita</i>), Bonaerense stock, semi-pelagic mid-water trawl net fishery
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Eng. Carolina Medina Foucher (Program Manager)
5	Request prepared by
	Eng. Carolina Medina Foucher (Program Manager)
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCPv2.1 – Table PC1: Fishery team leader qualification and competency criteria. 3. Assessment experience. a) Have undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessment or surveillance site visits as a team member in the last 5 years.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	- e.g. Fill in 2nd if a previous extension request on the 60 days requirement for surveillance reports has been accepted, and this request is for an additional time extension on top of that.
	N/A. This is the first time.

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	- Please describe how the CAB proposes to vary from the requirement including, where required, any original deadline date, the length of additional time requested and the exact modified deadline date.	
	OIA is requesting to include Eng. Pedro Landa as Fishery Team Leader complying requirement mentioned in the MSC General Certification Requirements v2.3 (Table 1), but not fully all qualification and competency criteria mentioned in the Annex PC1.2, section 3 – Assessment experience (<i>i.e.</i> Team Leader proposed have not undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessment or surveillance site visit as it is required).	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	N/A
	Modified deadline date requested	N/A
	Length of additional time requested	N/A
3	Justification	
	- Please explain in detail why the variation is requested and why the change is necessary. This helps the MSC decide whether the variation request should be granted.	
	<p>OIA is planning the second surveillance audit for the mentioned fishery. However as it is specify in the MSC Fisheries Certification Process, the team appointed includes a Fishery Team Leader qualified according to General Certification Requirements v2.3, but not fully to Table PC 1 of FCPv2.1 (section 3. Assessment experience). So, Fishery Team Leader proposed by OIA qualifies according relevant MSC competencies, except for have undertaken 2 MSC fishery assessment or surveillance site visits as a team member in the last 5 years.</p> <p>According GCRv2.3 published on 31 August 2018 and being effective on 28 February, CAB shall ensure that all fishery team leaders have pass a course according third-party product and management system conformity assessment auditing techniques. It is important to mention that the course is expensive and in Argentina there are not many places recognized by CQI/IRCA or Exemplar Global were this course takes place, complying with MSC requirements.</p> <p>In order to ensure the third-party management system conformity assessment auditing techniques, OIA proposes that the Fishery Team Leader will be Pedro Landa, OIA's Technical Director, who will attend the meeting. He has passed the course on auditing based upon ISO 19011 recognized by Exemplar Global. He will be responsible to train all fisheries team members to ensure that they are familiar with this auditing techniques and Pedro will supervised such aspect during the on-site visit. Also, Pedro Landa is trained according MSC Program Manager modules that include same fishery team leader' modules and has participated as team member in Argentine anchovy re-certification in 2016. In the surveillance audits scheduled by OIA recently, he was participated as technical support, but not as team member.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	- Please include any impacts on the assessment/certificate referencing any other requirements which may be affected. - e.g. Timeline delays, stakeholder input.	

	<p>No implication on the assessment may be affected. OIA requested this variation in order to ensure that surveillance audit will be undertaken within 6 months later than the anniversary date.</p> <p>The surveillance audit was delayed almost five months according the anniversary date of the certificate (24 December 2018) in order to ensure that preliminary evidences required to meet milestones proposed for the second year will be approved by Argentinean fishery research agency (INIDEP) and available during on-site visit.</p>
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment
	- Please include information on how the CAB proposes to mitigate any risks of the implications the change will have to the assessment.
	OIA was able to arrange this training course by 22 to 26 April 2019 and this requirement will be complied, not being necessary at future a new VR according this topic.
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	The fishery has set one condition associated with only 1 Principle (<i>i.e.</i> Principle 2). With the assessment team proposed, condition progress will not be affected.
7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	- Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).
	<p>The first surveillance audit was ended in January 2018.</p> <p>The second surveillance audit is expected to be start on first week of May with the surveillance announcement and is carried out the on site visit on first week of June. The Surveillance Report is expected to be published in August 2019.</p>
8	Further comments
	- Please include any further relevant information.
	N/A
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request
	N/A