

Control Union Pesca Ltd.

Tristan da Cunha rock lobster

MSC Surveillance Postponement

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Marine Stewardship Council surveillance postponement.

Dear Stakeholder,

RE: MSC Site Visit postponement for the Tristan da Cunha Rock Lobster fishery due to Coronavirus outbreak.

Control Union Pesca Ltd. (CU Pesca) would like to inform all stakeholders, that due to the recent global spread of coronavirus and the government policies regarding non-essential travelling, the site visit scheduled for Tristan da Cunha Rock Lobster fishery has been postponed.

MSC response to the COVID-19 pandemic was formalised in an official announcement from the MSC on 30th March 2020.

- All MSC certified fisheries are being given an automatic six-month certificate extension. Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) have been told to extend deadlines for all associated processes, including assessments, conditions, action plans and milestones. Fisheries can choose to continue their current process by arranging remote audits with their CAB, where feasible. The exception is expedited audits and objections, which need to continue to protect fish stocks and maintain confidence in our program, and further guidance on these two processes will be published shortly.

The new date of certificate expiry for the fishery is 14th June 2022. As per G7.28.8.1 this email informs you that the next surveillance is proposed to be held later than the certificate anniversary date of 14th June 2020 and will be held within the 6 month flexibility of the certificate anniversary (FCP 2.1 - 7.28.8.1) 14th December 2020. Further details on the new proposed surveillance audit in 2020 will be announced by CUP once government and MSC advice with the Covid-19 outbreak is further developed.

MSC fishery link:

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/tristan-da-cunha-rock-lobster/@@view>

We would like to remind you that a key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. 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. Any interested stakeholder wishing to participate should contact stakeholderpesca@controlunion.com by email, alternatively by telephone or post at the number or address below.

Meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses and/or physical address.

If you do not wish to be contacted any further about this fishery assessment, please reply to this email and ask to be removed from the stakeholder distribution list. If we do not hear back from you, we will keep you informed on this fishery assessment at key stages of the process.