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**Announcement of modified team membership for annual surveillance and expedited scope extension assessment of the Solomon Islands Skipjack-Yellowfin Tuna fishery**

Dr. Robert Trumble, team leader for the Solomon Islands Skipjack-Yellowfin Tuna fishery, is unable to attend the site visit for the surveillance and scope extension for the fishery. MRAG Americas has nominated Dr. Monica Valle as team leader in place of Dr. Trumble, who will remain on the team. This change will maintain the two-person team for the site visit, and will increase analytical capacity during the surveillance and scope extension. Dr. Valle meets the requirements for team leader:

Dr. Monica Valle will lead the assessment and has 15 years experience, a doctoral degree in fisheries, has passed the team leader test, and has experience with two or more assessment or surveillance as a member of the Sian Ka'an-Banco Chinchorro Spiny Lobster assessment and a member of the US North Atlantic Swordfish assessment.

Dr. Valle joined MRAG Americas in 2010 as Senior Fisheries Biologist. She has experience in sustainable management of marine fisheries. She specialized in fish and shellfish population dynamics, stock assessment, design and evaluation of management strategies, statistical analysis, risk analysis, and fishery simulation modeling. Dr. Valle worked with the University of Miami and NOAA Fisheries as a post-doctoral stock assessment scientist, and has provided scientific advice to FAO, CITES, CARICOM, ACP Fish II, and other international organizations for the management of tropical marine species the US, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In Mexico she coordinated a United Nations (UNIDO) coastal management project within the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem program. At MRAG, Dr. Valle has worked with institutions, scientists, fishers, managers, NGOs, and other stakeholders to promote and achieve sustainability of fishery resources around the world. She is a certified Marine Stewardship Council lead assessor, and for seven years has served as a team leader and member for several fisheries, ranging from invertebrate fisheries to highly migratory fish. Among other professional achievements, Dr. Valle has acquired wide experience in the development and implementation of fishery improvement projects and fishery management plans, in the design and analysis of various monitoring programs, and in essential fish habitat and ecosystem assessments. Dr. Valle received a B.S. degree in Biology from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and a Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami.

MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. Monica Valle meets the competency criteria and has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

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