



Review of changes to requirements

Welcome to the MSC review of draft changes to the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP)

The purpose of this review is to gain your feedback on proposed changes to the Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents. Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments.

The Fisheries Certification Process outlines the process Conformity Assessment Bodies (an independent organisation that determines whether a fishery complies with the MSC Fisheries Standard, also known as CABs) must follow when assessing a fishery against the MSC's Fisheries Standard.

This is the final round of review for the March 2020 release of the Fisheries Certification Process. We are asking for feedback on the clarity, applicability, auditability and achievement of intent of changes to the draft requirements. These requirements have been developed following previous consultations and workshops with stakeholders.

The consultation will not seek input or feedback on policy direction or decisions that have already been subject to consultation and agreed by the MSC Technical Advisory Board (TAB) and MSC Board of Trustees (BoT).

Instructions for respondents:

- Please download and save a copy of the Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents from the links below.
- Revisions to the documents are shown as track changes.
- Please add any comments (not track changes) to the documents, focussing only on those sections where there are changes to the text.
- Once you have completed your comments you can return to this survey and upload your edited files.
- This survey is also available as a PDF and Word document to enable you to view and share before responding:
 - [Click here to view a PDF version of this survey >](#)
 - [Click here to view a Word version of this survey >](#)

In your review of the documents please consider the following

- The clarity of the language used in the draft Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents i.e. is it clear and easily understood?
- Can the draft Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents be applied in practice?
- Can the draft Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents be audited i.e. whether conformity can be evaluated by an auditor?
- Does the draft Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents meet the intent of the MSC, as stated on the MSC Program Improvements website?

Please note: Unless already done so, before going any further with this survey you should download a

copy of each of the track changed documents and add your comments, returning to the survey to upload and submit your edited documents. The documents are available on the MSC Program Improvements website and also below.

Documents to download, review and upload:

[Fisheries Certification Process \(FCP\) v2.2 >](#)

[The process CABs must follow when assessing a fishery against the MSC's Fisheries Standard].

[Guidance to the Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 >](#)

[Guidance to the Fisheries Certification Process to help CABs interpret the requirements].

[MSC-MSCI Vocabulary >](#)

[MSC Dispute Process v1.0 >](#)

[The process for stakeholders, CABs and other parties when there is a dispute to the determination of the CAB in a fishery assessment].

[MSC Reporting Template >](#)

[This template details the information required when CABs create the assessment reports].

[MSC Client Action Plan Template >](#)

[NEW - This template details the information clients should provide in the Client Action Plan to address conditions].

[MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments >](#)

[The form that stakeholders use to provide written comments to the CAB during an MSC fishery assessment. The CAB also uses this form to respond to comments].

[MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits >](#)

[NEW - The form that stakeholders will use to provide written comments to the CAB at the Surveillance Audit. The CAB also uses this form to respond to comments].

[MSC Surveillance Announcement Template >](#)

[This form details the information required from CABs when formally announcing annual surveillance activities].

[MSC Surveillance Reporting Template >](#)

[The template used by CABs to prepare surveillance reports].

[MSC Reduced Reassessment Reporting Template >](#)

[This template details the information required when CABs create the reduced reassessment reports].



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Data protection and research ethics

The specific purpose of this review is research.

All feedback will be analysed by the MSC Executive and discussed with the MSC Technical Advisory Board and MSC Stakeholder Advisory Council who will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Board will then will take a decision on whether to publish any revised requirements in a future iteration of our program documents.

We will also use the profiles of participants to evaluate whether the participants collectively constitute a broadly unbiased and representative sample of key stakeholders for the issue(s) of interest.

Any project reports and case studies will have the names and organisations of consultation participants redacted. Results from previous consultations on the proposed changes in this document can be found through the [MSC Program Improvements website](#).

Finally, this survey is entirely optional and you may withdraw at any time.

*** 1. Given the above, are you happy to continue?**

Yes

No



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Contact information

*** 2. Please provide the following information.**

Full name*

Email Address*

3. In which country are you based?

*** 4. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?**

- Individual
- Organisation



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Your organisation

5. What organisation do you represent? Name one only.



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Stakeholder categories

6. Please state which stakeholder category best describes your job.

- Seafood supply chain** - including trading, processing, packing/repacking, storage and transportation of seafood products.
- Wild harvest fisheries** - Involvement with harvesting wild stocks.
- Aquaculture** - Involvement with the husbandry of farmed stocks.
- Conformity assessment** - Involvement with testing or other activities that determine whether a process, product, or services complies with the requirements of a specification, technical standard, contract, or regulation.
- Accreditation** - involved with issuing credentials or certifying third parties against an official standard.
- Standard setting** - Developing, coordinating, promulgating, revising, amending, reissuing, interpreting, or otherwise producing technical standards.
- Non-governmental organisation** - An organisation dedicated to effecting change according to their objectives, including but not limited, to environmental NGOs.
- Academic/Scientific** - An intellectual/theoretical interest in the seafood sector.
- Comms/media** - Involvement with communications related to the seafood sector.
- Consumer** - A person who buys and uses a sea(food) product.
- Cultural/recreational/artisanal** - A lifestyle interest in the seafood sector.
- Governance/management** - Leadership and administration for the governance of the seafood sector.
- Other (please specify)



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Evaluation of the draft Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) document

7. Please rate the changes to the requirements/guidance in terms of whether they are clear in general. For example, whether the changes generally can be easily understood.

Very unclear	Unclear	Neither clear nor unclear	Clear	Very clear	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Please rate the changes to the proposed requirements/guidance in terms of how the changes can be generally applied in practice.

Very inapplicable	Inapplicable	Neither applicable nor inapplicable	Applicable	Very applicable	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Please rate the changes to the proposed requirements/guidance in terms of whether they can be audited in general. For example, whether conformity can generally be evaluated by an auditor.

Very unauditable	Unauditable	Neither auditable nor unauditable	Auditable	Very auditable	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Please rate the changes to the proposed requirements/guidance on whether the changes effectively enable conformity assessment bodies to generally operate in a consistent manner.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Please explain your answers.



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Seafood Supply Chain categories

12. Please state which elements of the seafood supply chain you are involved with. Select all that apply, if any.

- Trading** - Buying and selling of product.
- Transportation/logistics** - Transportation of product.
- Storage** - Holding of product in storage.
- Packing/Repacking** - Changing of packaging.
- Processing** - Any activity that changes the product.
- Other (please specify)



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Are you a donor?

13. Are you a donor to the MSC? If so, please choose what type of donor from the list below.

- Individual
- Institutional (e.g. government or trust)
- Corporate
- Not a donor



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Reviewing the requirements/guidance and templates for clarity, application, auditability and intent.

Once you have made your edits to the draft Fisheries Certification Process and accompanying documents please upload each file under the relevant section below, using the 'Choose File' button.

Please include your name in the title of the document. Both Word and PDF files are supported. The document size must be less than 16MB.

Once you have completed these steps, please continue to the end of the survey.

14. Fisheries Certification Process (FCP)

Please upload your edited draft Fisheries Certification Process document below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

15. Guidance to the Fisheries Certification Process (GFCP)

Please upload your edited Guidance to the Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 document below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

16. MSC-MSCI Vocabulary

Please upload your edited MSC-MSCI Vocabulary document below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

17. MSC Disputes Process

Please upload your edited MSC Disputes Process v1.0 document below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

18. MSC Reporting Template

Please upload your edited MSC Reporting Template below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

19. MSC Client Action Plan Template

Please upload your edited MSC Client Action Plan Template below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

20. MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments

Please upload your edited MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

21. MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits

Please upload your edited MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

22. MSC Surveillance Announcement Template

Please upload your edited MSC Surveillance Announcement Template below (optional).

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No file chosen

23. MSC Surveillance Reporting Template

Please upload your edited MSC Surveillance Reporting Template below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen

24. MSC Reduced Reassessment Reporting Template

Please upload your edited MSC Reduced Reassessment Reporting Template below (optional).

Choose File

No file chosen



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User information and future reviews

To help us improve our communications, please complete the following questions below before pressing 'Done' and completing the survey.

25. How did you hear about this public consultation?

26. Participating in this consultation was worth my time.

		Neither agree nor			
Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>					

Please explain your answer.

27. I found this questionnaire simple and easy to use.

		Neither agree nor			
Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>					

Please explain your answer.

28. I would recommend participating in MSC consultations to my colleagues.

		Neither agree nor			
Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>					

Please explain your answer.

29. This consultation survey was exactly what I needed for me to provide my feedback on this topic.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer.

30. Please provide suggestions on how we might improve this consultation (for example, to make it easier to participate). This will help us improve our consultations over time.

31. Would you like to be contacted about future consultations on MSC policy development?

- Yes
- No



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32. Did you hear about this consultation from a member of the MSC Stakeholder Advisory Council?

Yes

No



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End of survey

Thank you for your feedback, which will be given full consideration. Please watch the [MSC Program Improvements website](#) for future updates.