

# Marine Stewardship Council

## Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the fishery being assessed or send to [coc@msc.org](mailto:coc@msc.org) if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 10 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

<b>Certification Body</b>	Scientific Certification Systems
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Australia Mackerel Icefish / SCS-MFCP-F-0016
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Sabine Daume/Same
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	<i>FCMv6.1 Section 5.3.1</i>

<b>Proposed variation</b>
<i>Variance to the maximum period of validity of a fishery certificate of five years to five years and 3 months. Currently the fishery certificate expires after 31 March of 2011; this request would extend the validity of the fishery certificate through 30 June 2011.</i>

<b>Rationale/Justification</b>
<i>SCS has found that the fishery has made adequate progress in addressing conditions from year to year and feels that there are no negative issues that would preclude the granting of this extension. SCS believes there is no threat that this extension would result in non-certified product entering the marketplace as certified.</i>

<b>Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>
<i>No substantive impact on the assessment or other requirements. The granting of this variance will simply ensure there is no break in certification status of the fishery between certification cycles.</i>

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<b>Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	Not at present. A stakeholder distribution list exists for the fishery. Should the variance be granted an email will be sent to this list informing them of the extension of certificate validity date and what, if any, affects this may have on the assessment.
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<b>Further Comments</b>
<i>No further comments</i>