

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 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.

Certification Body	Moody Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Cooperative Fishery Organisation (CVO) North Sea plaice and sole
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Jason Combes
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<i>Reduction in the number of Units of Certification</i>

Proposed variation
<i>The current main assessment involves a large number of Units of Certification relating to trawl gear variations (see associated document "13.01.2011_CVO_revised_UoC_Jan_2011.pdf"). It is proposed to remove the following UoCs from the assessment: Those relating to Danish seine (10,11,12, 22,23,24) Those relating to fly shoot targeting sole (19,20,21)</i>

Rationale/Justification
<i>The CVO North Sea plaice and sole assessment comprises a large number of UoCs relating to all the gears catching plaice and sole used by the Dutch fleet. During the site visit it became evident that Danish seine gear and sole-targeted flyshoot gear did not exist within the CVO membership comprising all of the Dutch fleet. Therefore there was neither the requirement for an assessment nor the evidence base on which to make an assessment. Following the site visit the client group confirmed to Moody Marine that these UoCs did not exist in the fleet and requested that they be removed from the assessment.</i>

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Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Removal of these Units of certification is rational given that it does not currently operate; the difficulty in assessment without gear-specific information and data; and provides some simplification to a complex assessment process.

There are no further implications for the assessment. Stakeholders did not provide information or comment on the UoCs in question as they do not operate in the fisheries under assessment.

Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No not yet. MML will treat this as per previous changes to UoC. The notice will be published on the MSC website and announced via the MSC fishery update email. MML will duplicate that announcement in a email to the CVO stakeholder group known to MML

Further Comments

See attached table of UoCs.