



PUBLIC SUMMARY OF A MEETING OF THE MSC STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

8 December 2022, Virtual

The MSC Stakeholder Advisory Council (STAC) meeting was attended by [members of the STAC](#). Apologies were received from STAC Member; Mr Rory Crawford.

Dr Werner Kiene (MSC Chair) attended on behalf of the MSC Board of Trustees.

The following MSC staff attended; Dr Adrian Augustine (Assurance Director), Ms Polly Burns (Head of Fisheries Standard Policy), Dr Rohan Currey (Chief Science and Standards Officer), Mr Rupert Howes (Chief Executive Officer), Dr Ernesto Jardim (Fisheries Standard Director), Ms Tanya van Niekerk (Governance Secretary), Dr Beth Polidoro (Research Director), Dr Alene Wilton (Chief Operating Officer), Ms Nikki Wood, (Head of Stakeholder and NGO Engagement)

The STAC was also joined by a number of relevant MSC staff on a project-by-project basis.

This summary contributes to the transparency of MSC's governance. Readers should note that recommendations made by the STAC are reviewed by the MSC Executive and only those recommendations that are formally endorsed by the MSC Board of Trustees and Executive will result in changes to the program or MSC's work. The Executive may not always immediately consider the STAC's recommendations, especially in instances where more research or consultation is required. Project pages on msc.org will be updated to reflect final decisions, including rationales.

Introductory items

The STAC Chair, Ms Heather Brayford, welcomed newly appointed STAC Members; Mr Damien Bell, Mr Christian Haller, Dr Bryce Stewart and Ms Mod Talawat, whose first STAC meeting this was, following their appointment.

During the session the STAC received an overview of intersessional STAC and STAC working group activities.

Rollout of the Fisheries Standard

MSC recently completed the most comprehensive [review of the MSC Fisheries Standard](#) ever undertaken in the 25-year history of the MSC. The new Standard (version 3.0), published on 26 October 2022, includes significant improvements, including better protections for marine life, as well as stronger fisheries management and compliance requirements.

The STAC received a **general overview and update on the rollout of the new Standard** to date. The STAC heard that with the publication of the revised scheme documents, the MSC had moved into the rollout phase, which involved communicating the changes to stakeholders, training Conformity Assessment Bodies, and supporting fisheries as they begin transitioning to the new Standard.

The STAC noted that alongside the rollout phase, MSC would consider the **learnings from the FSR process** to apply to the next FSR.

The STAC **welcomed the update** on the rollout of the Fisheries Standard v3.0.

Meeting Close

The STAC thanked the MSC Executive for its informative updates on the roll-out of the Fisheries Standard.

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