



PUBLIC SUMMARY OF A MEETING OF THE MSC STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

24-26 May 2022, London

Attendance (alphabetical order)

Co-Chair: Ms Amanda Nickson

Members in attendance: Dr Johann Augustyn, Ms Heather Brayford (virtually), Mr Rory Crawford, Ms Yumie Kawashima, Mr Tor Larsen, Dr Ghislaine Llewellyn, Mr Ivan Lopez, Ms Christine Penney (part), Mr Marco Quesada, Ms Carmen Revenga, Ms María José Espinosa Romero

MSC Governance: Dr Werner Kiene (MSC Chairman) (part), Dr Rebecca Lent (TAB Member) (part), Dr Tim Essington (TAB Member) (part), Dr Chris Zimmermann (TAB Chair) (part)

MSC Staff: Ms Polly Burns (Head of Fisheries Standard Policy), Dr Rohan Currey (Chief Science and Standards Officer), Mr Rupert Howes (Chief Executive), Mr Jay Lugar (Head of Fisheries Outreach), Dr Ernesto Jardim (Fisheries Standard Director), Ms Tanya van Niekerk (Governance Secretary), Dr Alene Wilton (Chief Operating Officer), Ms Nikki Wood (Head of Stakeholder Engagement)

The Council 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 MSC Stakeholder Advisory Council are reviewed by the MSC Board of Trustees and only those recommendations that are formally endorsed by the MSC Board of Trustees will result in changes to the program or MSC's work. The Board may not always immediately consider the Council's recommendations, especially in instances where more research or consultation is required. Project pages on [msc.org](https://www.msc.org) will be updated to reflect final decisions, including rationales.

Introductory items

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

Consolidated Fisheries Standard and Guidance

The Council was provided with the consolidated Fisheries Standard and Guidance.

The Fisheries Standard Review (FSR) started in September 2018 and had involved a comprehensive policy development process bringing together stakeholders' and partners' expectations; incorporating new science and widely-adopted fisheries management best practices; and working on simplification and clarifications to deal with accessibility concerns. The proposed revised Standard presented to the Council for consideration contains significant improvements which, if implemented, would ensure that MSC certified fisheries continue to be recognised as world leaders in sustainability.

More stakeholders than ever before had contributed to the development of the revised Standard. Nearly 200 stakeholders participated in public consultation workshops, and MSC received over 600 responses to surveys between 2020 and 2022. MSC also engaged with its stakeholders through online webinars and conferences, which were attended by over 1300 participants.

A final, 60-day public review of the proposed revisions to the Fisheries Standard was held between 1st February and 4th April 2022. This was the final opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the proposed changes to the Standard and Fisheries Certification Process. All stakeholders had an opportunity to review the proposed Fisheries Standard and Guidance, the proposed Fisheries

Certification Process and Guidance and the new Fisheries Toolbox and provide feedback through an online survey.

The Council considered the proposed draft consolidated Fishery Standard and guidance, including impact assessment reports, consultation reports and constancy reports, as well as the processes undertaken in conducting the Review.

The Council acknowledged the extent and quality of the work by the MSC Executive in producing the consolidated Fisheries Standard and **welcomed the opportunity to provide stakeholder advice to the MSC Board.**

Consolidate Fisheries Certification Process and Guidance

The Council was provided with the consolidated Fisheries Certification Process and Guidance.

The Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) Review commenced in 2020 and the objective of this program of work was to clarify MSC's intent and improve understanding and implementation of existing requirements and processes. The scope of the FCP revision was to incorporate changes resulting from the FSR; changes resulting from the FCP harmonisation project; and changes that would clarify and improve existing requirements and processes.

The Council **welcomed the opportunity to provide advice to the MSC Board of Trustees on the suitability of the proposed consolidated FCP and Guidance.**

Meeting Close

The Council welcomed the presentation of the Fisheries Standard Review and Fisheries Certification Process Review and noted the MSC Board of Trustees would be asked to make the final decision to approve the new Fisheries Standard and Guidance and the FCP and Guidance at its forthcoming meeting in June 2022.

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