Code of Good Practice for consultants

Individuals and organisations listed as technical consultants for fishery improvements have signed up to the following Code of Good Practice to:

1. Support the concept of sustainable fishing practices as elaborated in the MSC's Principles and Criteria and fisheries certification requirements.

2. Ensure dealings are consistent with the highest professional standards at all times.

3. Respect the confidentiality and privacy of clients at all times.

4. Be truthful and accurate. Maintain ethical practices in the provision of services and adhere to recognised standards of fairness and personal integrity.

5. Provide full and true disclosure of any interests, financial or otherwise, which if not disclosed to the client may raise a conflict of interest.

6. Undertake not to carry out assignments which may be beyond the expertise and skills of the technical consultants.

7. Ensure that advisory and consultancy services are separated from auditing services and that conflicting situations involving provision of both these services to the same client are clearly avoided.

8. Not enter into any other agreement which affects, either directly or indirectly, impartiality of advice or assistance provided to a client without the client's written approval

   Ensure that there is a mutual understanding between the client and the technical consultant on objectives, scope of work and deliverables of the project.

9. Ensure activities are implemented in a timely manner in accordance with work plans agreed with clients.

10. Comply with all regulatory and statutory requirements which may be applicable to the conduct of the consultants' activities and which are applicable in the jurisdiction of the client and/or the physical location of the work being undertaken.

11. Not act in any way prejudicial to the interests of the MSC technical consultants register or MSC in that they shall not claim to speak for the MSC unless permission has been obtained from an officer of the MSC.