



Marine Stewardship Council

Code of Good Practice for Technical Consultants

Individuals and organisations listed as Technical Consultants have signed up to the following Code of Good Practice

1. Support the concept of sustainable fishing practices as elaborated in the MSC's Fisheries Standard.
2. Ensure dealings are consistent with the highest professional standards at all times.
3. Respect the confidentiality and privacy of clients.
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. Do not carry out assignments which may be beyond the expertise and skills of the consultant.
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. Ensure that there is a mutual understanding between the client and the 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. Where appropriate, use tools that ensure the development of credible FIPs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____