

Derogation for PI 2.4.2.a scoring issue a

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Effective date: 5th November 2020. The derogation applies to any assessment (initial assessment, surveillance audit, scope extension, expedited audit, or reassessment) against v2.0 or v2.01 of the Fisheries Standard that is announced on or after 5th November 2020. The derogation also applies to fisheries certified against v2.0 or v2.01 of the Fisheries Standard and any assessment that was announced before the publication date of the derogation.

Expiry date: The derogation applies until fisheries are assessed against the next version of the MSC Fisheries Standard

To: MSC Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies

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1. Objective

If a fishery has a partial management strategy in place that protects and avoids vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) and potential VMEs, then commonly accepted move-on rules are not required (at the SG60 level).

2. Derogation requirements

1. Eligibility
 - 1.1. The CAB shall only apply the derogation when assessing and scoring PI 2.4.2 scoring issue a for UoAs that encounter VMEs or potential VMEs.
2. Derogation
 - 2.1. When scoring PI 2.4.2 the CAB shall assess the UoA at the SG80 level for scoring issue a first.
 - 2.1.1. If SG80 for scoring issue a is met, including complying with requirements under SA3.14.2.2 and associated guidance GSA3.14.2.2, the CAB shall not assess the UoA at the SG60 level for scoring issue a.
 - 2.1.1.1. The CAB shall follow FCP 7.17 to score the remainder of the PI.
 - 2.1.1.2. When applying FCP 7.17.4, 7.17.7.2, 7.17.7.3, 7.17.9 and 7.17.10 the CAB shall consider SG60 for PI 2.4.2 scoring issue a as met.
 - 2.1.1.3. The CAB shall report the application of this derogation in the scoring rationale for PI 2.4.2 scoring issue a.
 - 2.1.2. If SG80 is not met the CAB shall assess the UoA at the SG60 level as per FCP 7.17, SA3.14.2.3, GSA3.14.2.3 and the accompanying [interpretation](#).