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# [CAB]

# [Fishery name]

# MSC Notice of Suspension

*Instructions for CABs*

*This template details the information required from Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) when announcing the suspension of a fishery or Unit(s) of Certification (GCR).*

*Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with your specific information where relevant.*

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*Examples of appropriate amendments are:*

* *A title page with the company logo;*
* *A company header and footer used throughout the report;*
* *Replacement of font styles;*
* *Inclusion of contact details for the assessment team members in relation to consultation*
* *Deletion of any sections that are not applicable;*
* *Deletion of introductory text or instructions; and,*
* *Addition of subheadings to improve clarity and readability.*

# Marine Stewardship Council Notice of Suspension

Table 1: Notice of suspension

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| **1** | **Fishery name** |
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| **2** | **Unit(s) of Certification (UoC(s)) subject to suspension** |
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| **3** | **CAB** |
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| **4** | **Date of the Notice of Suspension** |
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| **5** | **Effective date of the fishery suspension** |
| * *Effective date of suspension is 30-days after the Notice of Suspension (GCR).*
 |
| **6** | **The reason for the fishery suspension** |
| * *e.g. what information was reviewed, reference to a surveillance report, etc.*
* *Reference the applicable clause(s) (GCR).*
 |
| **7** | **If the fishery is suspended for no longer conforming to the MSC Fisheries Standard (GCR Section 7.4), which Performance Indicators are affected (please include a brief explanation of how)?**  |
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| **8** | **If the fishery is suspended for inadequate progress against conditions (GCR Section 7.4), which condition(s) and Performance Indicators are affected?** |
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| **9** | **Statement on implications for selling fish caught as MSC certified/making claims after suspension date*****The suspension requires that the certificate holder not sell any fish caught as MSC-certified after the effective date of suspension until such time that the suspension is lifted. To comply with this requirement, the fishery is not eligible to use the MSC ecolabel (GCR)***  |
| **9a** | Does the client have a system in place to segregate fish based on the date of capture? | *Yes / No* |
| **9b** | Can fish caught before the effective date of suspension be sold as MSC certified after suspension? | *Yes / No* |
| **9c** | **If yes (to 9b) how will the harvest date and/or certification status be identifiable to the first buyer?** |
|  |
| **9d** | **Is this a partial suspension (e.g. one or some UoC(s) suspended)?** | *Yes / No* |
| 9e | If yes (to 9d) how will the certified UoC(s) be identifiable to the first buyer, and distinguished from the suspended UoCs? |
|  |
| **9f** | **If yes (to 9d) are there any additional exclusions to eligibility set to mitigate traceability risks?*****Examples are:**** ***Product forms (e.g. fish meal) being excluded from eligibility.***
* ***Trip exclusions (e.g. the trips which go both inside and outside the UoC).***
* ***Landing processes where eligibility is verified (e.g. verifying catch area or gear).***
 | *Yes / No* |
| 9g | If yes (to 9f), please specify the exclusions to eligibility and how first buyers can check they are met |
|  |
| 9h | Are there any Variations associated with this suspension? | *Yes / No* |
| 9i | If yes (to 9h), please reference these Variations |
| *Add here the hyperlink to where the variation can be found on the MSC website* |

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*The CAB shall delete Table 2:*

Table 2: Template version control

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| **Version** | **Date of publication** | **Description of amendment** |
| 1.0 | 17 December 2018 | Date of issue |
| 1.1 | 25 March 2020 | Minor change to GCR references for consistency |
| 1.2 | 26 October 2022 | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.3 and v3.0 |

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>).

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