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[Fishery name]

MSC Scope Declaration

*Instructions to CABs and the client/client group*

*This template should be completed by the client or client group of fisheries seeking initial assessment or re-assessment against the MSC Fisheries Standard v2.01 (Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.3) & MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 (FCP v3.0). In order to enter assessment, the client or client group must provide information to show that the fishery is within scope of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) program.*

* *If assessed against MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0, follow scope requirements in Fisheries Standard Section 1 and process in FCP v3.0 (Section 7.4).*
* *If assessed against MSC Fisheries Standard v2.01, follow scope requirements and process in FCP v2.3 (Section 7.4).*

*The client or client group is required to confirm whether the fishery complies with each of the scope requirements set out in the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 (Section 1) or FCP v2.3 (Section 7.4), as appropriate. This involves considering information on the target species, fishing method and vessels involved in the fishery in relation to each of the requirements.*

*Please complete all unshaded fields with a direct and relevant response. Information is required on all issues addressed in the template and should be provided in English, which is the official language of the MSC.*

*Information used to confirm scope should be provided by the client/client group directly to the Conformity Assessment Body (CAB), who will verify the information and conclusions in this template within the Announcement Comment Draft Report to confirm that each of the Units of Assessment (UoAs) are within scope.*

*In addition to verifying the information provided in this Scope Declaration, for assessments against FCP v2.3 the CAB shall also consider whether the UoA is conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement (following FCP v2.3 7.4.8.3) and whether the UoA applying for certification is subject of controversy and/or dispute (following FCP v2.3 7.4.8.6). The CAB shall confirm whether the UoAs are compliant with these scope requirements within the Announcement Comment Draft Report as per FCP v2.3 7.8.2.a.*

*MSC recognise that the UoAs may not yet have been identified or defined, because of this please ensure the information provided is relevant to the entire fishery, including any vessel, gear type or area that could form part of the certified fishery. If the UoAs have already been defined, please ensure information provided covers all UoAs and where possible, specify which UoA it is relevant for.*

*The completed form will be uploaded to MSC database at the same time as the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR).*

*Contact the CAB or your local MSC Outreach representative (*[*info@msc.org*](mailto:info@msc.org)*) if you have questions on completing the template.*

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* *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.*

## Introduction

Table 1: Client and fishery information

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1** | **Client name** |
|  | |
| **2** | **Fishery name** |
| * *See* [*fisheries.msc.org*](https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/) *for examples.* * *The CAB will help you to refine the name of your fishery using MSC requirements.* * *Should be the same as stated in the MSC Client Document Checklist template.* | |

## Declaration of scope

Table 2: Target species and method

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1** | **Does the fishery target any of the following taxa?**   * **Amphibians** * **Reptiles** * **Birds** * **Mammals** |
| *Yes/No* | |
| **2** | **Does the fishery use poisons or explosives?** |
| *Yes/No* | |
| **3** | **Is this fishery enhanced?** |
| *Yes/No*  *The term enhanced fishery is defined in the* [*MSC Vocabulary*](https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-msci-vocabulary.pdf)*. If the fishery is enhanced the CAB may require more information in order to verify that the fishery conforms to all of the criteria in Table 1 of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0/Table 1 of FCP v2.3.* | |
| **4** | **Does the fishery target an introduced species?** |
| *Yes/No*  *If the fishery targets an introduced species, the CAB may require more information in order to verify that the fishery conforms to all of the criteria in Table 2 of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0/Table 2 of FCP v2.3 for Introduced Species Based Fisheries. The term Introduced Species Based Fishery is defined in the* [*MSC Vocabulary*](https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/program-documents/chain-of-custody-supporting-documents/msc-msci-vocabulary.pdf)*.* | |

Table 3: Conviction for a serious crime – only applicable for assessments against MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 (FCP v3.0). *Delete if not applicable.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1** | **Does the fishery include any vessel that has been implicated in a conviction for a serious crime listed in Table 3 of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 in the last 2 years?** |
| *Yes/No* | |
| **2** | **Process undertaken to confirm that the fishery is compliant with this scope requirement** |
| *Describe the review process, including a list of information examined to confirm scope. For example, this could include the following:*   * *Reports or documents reviewed* * *Databases queried* * *Management/surveillance agencies contacted and their responses* | |

Table 4: Conviction for shark finning

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1** | **Does the fishery include any vessel/entity (*v3.0/v2.3, delete as appropriate*) that has been implicated in a conviction for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years?** |
| *Yes/No* | |
| **2** | **Process undertaken to confirm scope** |
| *Describe the review process, including a list of information examined to confirm scope. For example, this could include the following:*   * *Reports or documents reviewed* * *Databases queried* * *Management/surveillance agencies contacted and their responses*   *If there is no risk of interaction with sharks, state that here.* | |

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*The CAB/client shall delete the table below.*

Table 5: Template version control

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| **Version** | **Date of publication** | **Description of amendment** |
| 1.0 | 26 October 2022 | Release alongside MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.3 & 3.0 and the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 |
| 1.1 | 6 September 2023 | Minor updates to ensure consistency with FCP v2.3, including an additional instruction to CABs and a minor language change to include both ‘vessel’ and ‘entity’ in Table 4. |

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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