



MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Policy Advisory

Policy Advisory 16: Submission of Fisheries and Chain of Custody Assessment Information

Documents Supplemented or Modified by this Advisory

MSC Scheme Document	Status Change
N/A	N/A

Background

In order to ensure all scheme requirements are well defined and clearly identifiable, some older requirements released under various formats are now being re-issued as Policy Advisories. An MSC letter to Certification Bodies (issued in June 2009) contained a requirements relating to the submission of information of information to the MSC. These requirements are reproduced in this advisory.

The variety of form of submissions by Certification Bodies to the MSC leads to both pragmatic problems of processing as well as external inaccessibility of Certification Body products such as reports. A standardised approach should improve this situation. A policy advisory has been developed that will allow scope for the MSC to define the form and method of submission of information to the MSC.

Intent

This Policy Advisory’s intent is to ensure a clear, transparent fishery and CoC assessment program by requiring a consistent method of reporting. MSC will periodically define the form and process of submission of data. In order to avoid repeat scheme requirements this simple requirement will be supplemented by instructions from MSC on request.

Direction

1. Certification bodies shall use the form and method of submission of information and data defined by the MSC.
2. For information and data submitted as part of the fishery assessment and fishery surveillance process:
 - a. Any submission to the MSC must be in PDF format;
 - b. The MSC has five working days in which to review and publish announcements. All dates used in any announcements must incorporate this 5 working day publication time; and
 - c. All submissions must be addressed to the relevant MSC’s Fishery Assessment Manager and copied to MSC’s Standards and Licensing Team Administrator.
3. For chain of custody assessments, information and data shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements established in paragraphs 5.3.1, 5.6.5, 5.6.8, 5.6.9, 5.8.5, 5.9.9, 5.9.10 and 5.11.4 of the Chain of Custody Certification Methodology v7 and paragraphs 9.3, 10.3 and 10.4 of Appendix B of the Chain of Custody Certification Methodology v7.

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