MSC FISHERIES STANDARD VERSION 3.0: IMPROVEMENTS FOR ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND PROTECTED SPECIES
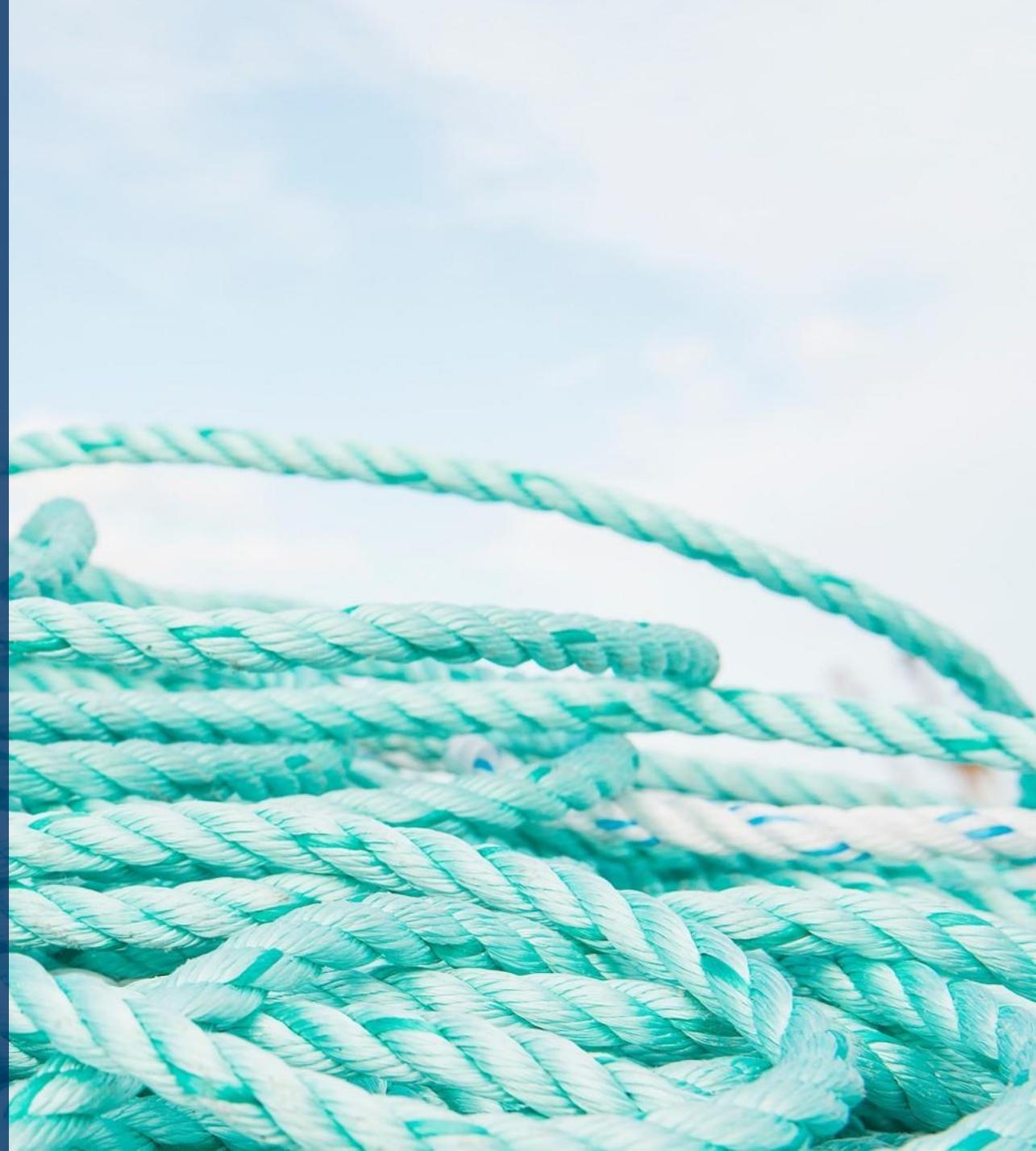
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OUR NEW STANDARD

- **Most comprehensive review of the MSC Fisheries Standard to date**

- **Reflects the evolution and uptake of fisheries management best practice around the world**

- **Raising fisheries' performance for key issues including for endangered, threatened and protected (ETP) species**

KEY CHANGES FOR
ETP SPECIES

ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND PROTECTED SPECIES

New ETP species designation requirements

Stricter requirements to minimise mortality and enable population recovery

Clarification of ETP scoring

Designation requirements

- **All marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and amphibians automatically designated as ETP**

- **Application of international ETP lists for fish and invertebrates expanded**

- **Reclassification of some fish and all invertebrates possible when stock status, stock management and life history criteria are met**

Stricter requirements

- **Reference point is now Favourable Conservation Status**

- **Life history of species explicitly considered**

- **Fisheries required to show how mortality is minimised**

- **Indirect impacts and unobserved mortality considered**

Evidence requirements framework

New method for systematic evaluation of information quality and accuracy

Increase confidence in assessment of environmental impact

30% independent observation for high seas fisheries

Shark finning

Fins Naturally Attached policy for all fisheries retaining sharks - no exceptions

Evidence requirements to demonstrate FNA policy in place

Defining term 'shark' to protect more species

Gear loss and ghost fishing

New requirements to better assess ghost gear impact

Management strategy to minimise gear loss & ghost gear impact

Extending definition of ghost gear to cover FADs

Standard Implementation

01 May 2023

Fisheries entering assessment for the first time must adhere to version 3.0

October 2028

Certified fisheries seeking reassessment must have transitioned to V3.0

Thank you

Questions?