



# Endangered, Threatened and Protected species in the new MSC Fisheries Standard.

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# What is the MSC?



- An international, not-for-profit NGO.
- A certification and ecolabelling program.
- Sets and maintains credible standards.
- Recognises and rewards sustainable fishing practices and influences consumer choices.
- Works with fisheries and businesses around the world.
- Transforms the seafood market to a sustainable basis.

# The MSC's impact on the water

## Global impact

**19%**

of all wild marine catch was engaged with the MSC

**670**

fisheries engaged in the MSC program (of which 25 were suspended and 90 were in assessment)

**2,225**

improvements made by MSC certified fisheries since the program began and up to 31 March 2023





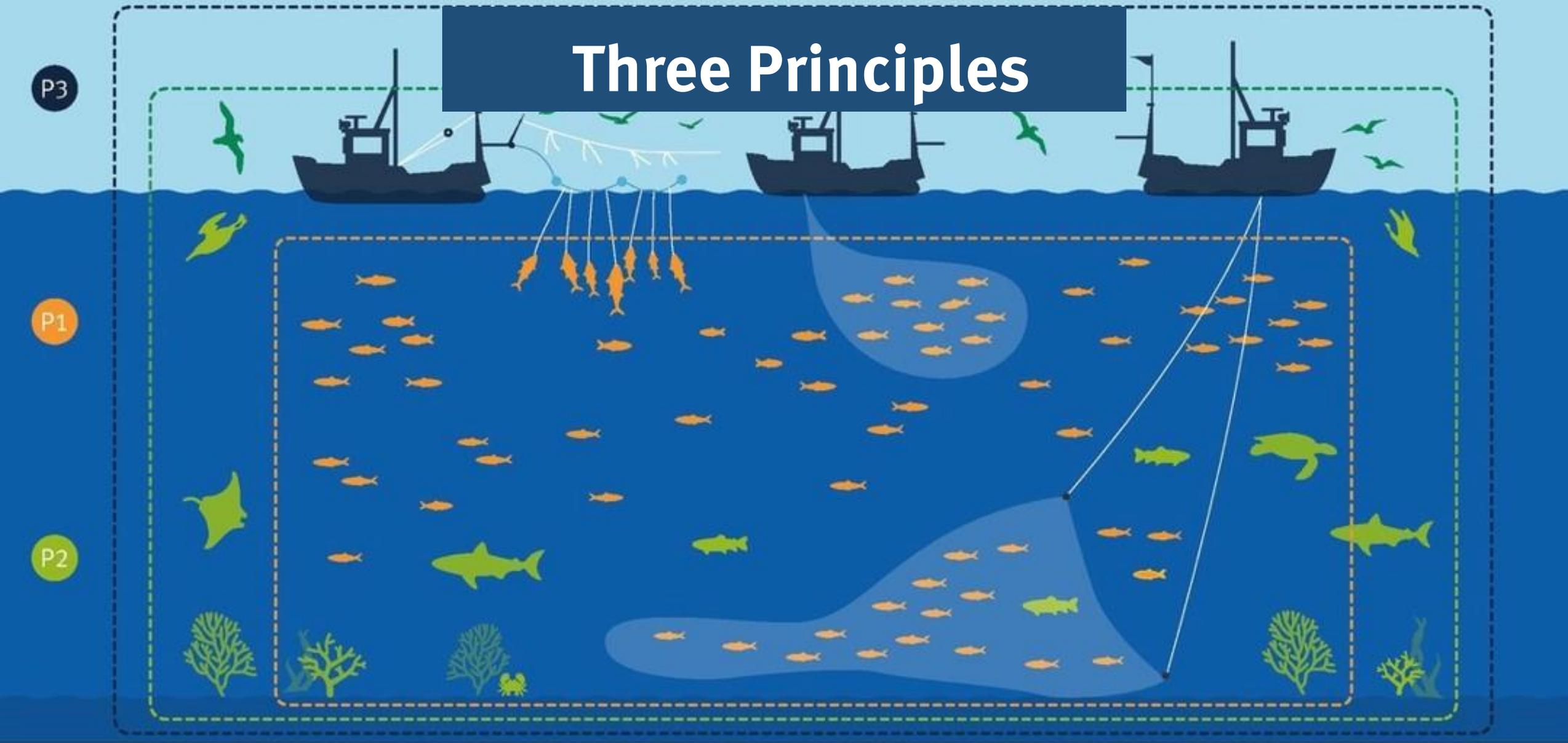
# Fisheries Standard



Standard

- MSC sets a standard on what is needed to be certified as a sustainable and well-managed fishery
- Single standard applicable globally to all types of fishery
- Reflects global best practices and balances the line between environmental and industry issues
- Developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders and organisations worldwide
- The leading international standard for sustainable fishing

# Three Principles



P1

Principle 1  
Sustainability of the stock

P2

Principle 2  
Ecosystem impacts

P3

Principle 3  
Effective management

# Fisheries Standard Review



**16**  
in-depth  
projects



More than  
**350**  
individual  
participants



Input from  
**275**  
organisations  
from  
**46**  
countries



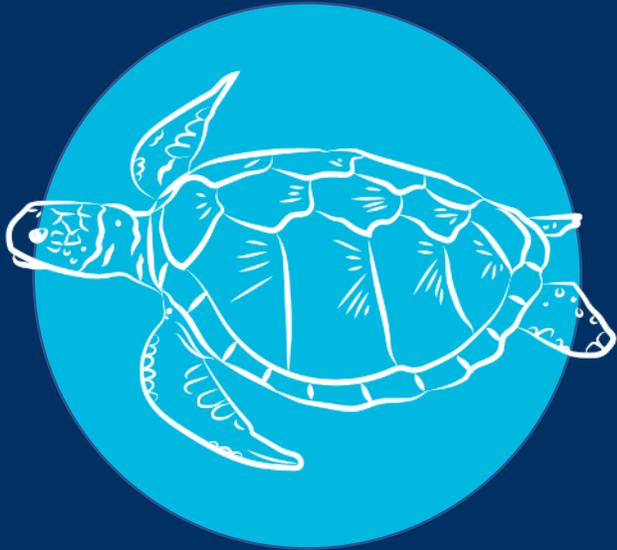
More than  
**33**  
expert  
reports and  
other  
analysis



Over  
**600**  
responses to  
consultation  
surveys



# Key changes to our Standard



**New approach to defining and assessing endangered, threatened and protected species**

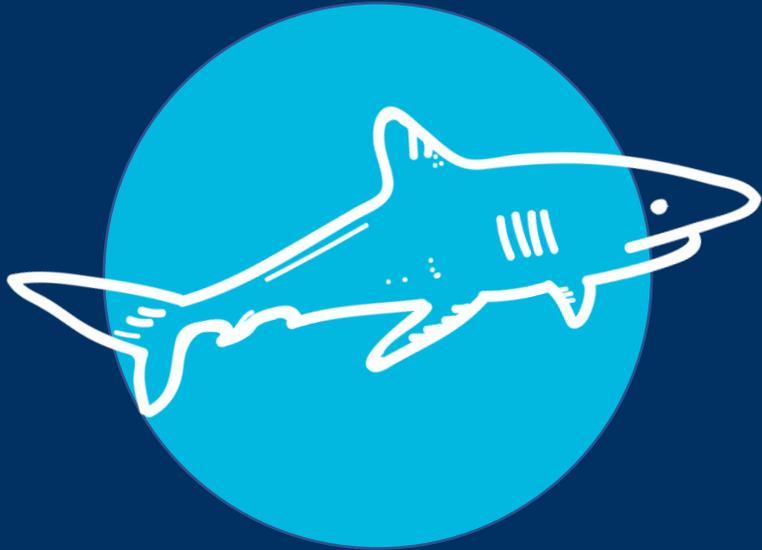


**Minimising lost and discarded fishing gear**



**Strict new requirements for evidence**

# Key changes to our Standard



**Fins Naturally  
Attached policy**



**Improvements to  
Risk-Based Framework**



**Clearer and more  
consistent assessment  
of habitats and  
ecosystems**

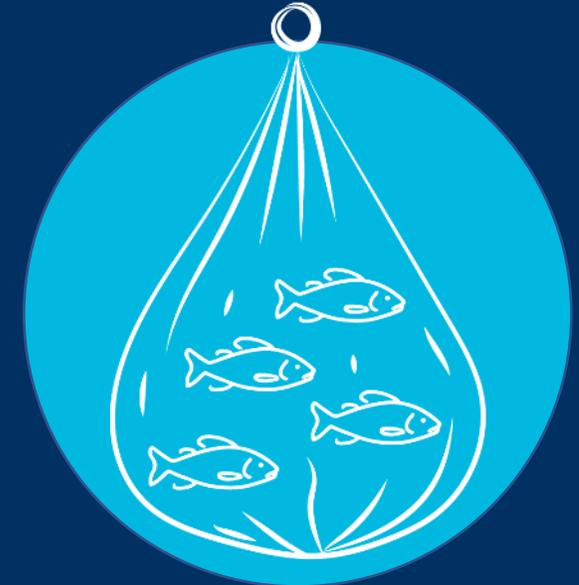
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**Streamlined  
Standard**



**Strengthened scope  
criteria**



**Incentivising  
adoption of  
harvest strategies**

# About ETP/OOS species



## What is an ETP/OOS species?

- Endangered, threatened or protected species.
- Out-of-scope species: birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians.

## MSC intent

- Fishery does not hinder recovery of ETP/OOS populations.
- Minimise ETP/OOS mortality.

# ETP/OOS Designation



- Now all reptiles, mammals, birds and amphibians will be considered in the same way as Endangered, threatened or protected species (OOS) regardless of their status.
- Fish/invertebrate ETP if listed nationally or internationally (CMS/IUCN/CITES) unless\* they can be demonstrated to be well managed, good status or highly productive

# ETP/OOS Impact



- **New emphasis on defining the most appropriate taxonomic unit – called ETP unit** e.g. population/sub-population if possible.
- **Need to better quantify impact.** New concept introduced ~ *Favourable Conservation Status* (50% carrying capacity). If below, it should be demonstrated that fishery is not hindering recovery to FCS within timeframe of 100 years or 3 gens.
- Data deficient pathway (PSA) now improved for taxa

# ETP/OOS Management & Info



- **New management changes** measures in place should represent “best practice” or shown to work for the species.
- Management in place should show it is working to reduce mortality.
- **New comprehensive methodology** called “Evidence Requirement Framework” used to evaluate the quality of information.

# Further resources and training



- [MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 Masterclass](#)
- [V3.0 summary of changes online module](#)
- [FSR training Supplementary Reading](#)
- [Fisheries Assessor training webinars](#)
- [Change tracker report](#)
- [Capacity Building Training Level 1](#)



**Thank You and Questions**