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.
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<th>Global impact</th>
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<td>of all wild marine catch was engaged with the MSC</td>
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<td>fisheries engaged in the MSC program (of which 25 were suspended and 90 were in assessment)</td>
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<td>improvements made by MSC certified fisheries since the program began and up to 31 March 2023</td>
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Engaged means MSC certified, in assessment, suspended, and in transition to MSC marine catch. Fishery data as of 31 March 2023, compared with total marine catch for UN FAO Major Fishing Areas in 2021. Data correct as of 31 March 2023 © David Loftus/ MSC
Fisheries 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

Partners:
- FAO
- ISEAL
- GSS
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
Key changes to our Standard

- Streamlined Standard
- Strengthened scope criteria
- Incentivising adoption of harvest strategies

↑25% FEWER SCORING ISSUES
About ETP/OOS species

What is an ETP/OOS species?
- Endangered, threatened or protected species.

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
• **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