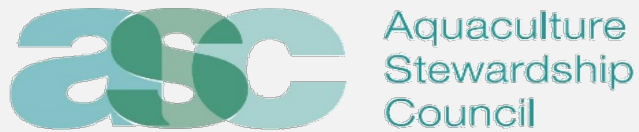


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Variation Request Template

Date submitted to ASC-MSC	18th January 2023
Name of CAB	LRQA 로이드 인증원
Production unit Name/CoC Certificate Number	Nongsusanmul Fishery Corporation : Assessment in Progress
Name of Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Che King Lee / Eilidh Milligan
1. Program requirement/s for which variation is requested	<p>16.1.1 Teams shall include a lead auditor and should include additional team member/s.</p> <p>16.1.2 Teams shall include member/s that have the experience and expertise outlined in Annex A.</p> <p>Annex A – Auditor qualifications and competencies Table A.3 – Team Leader qualifications and competencies A.3 In addition to the requirements for the overall team in Table A.1 and individual auditor and technical expert in Table A.2, team leaders shall possess the following qualifications and competencies: A.3.2 Audit experience :</p> <p>d. For audits involving both farmed and wild seaweed (production categories Bi and Ci in Table 2 of the Seaweed Standard):</p> <p>i. The Lead Auditor shall meet the ASC audit experience requirements, and the other team members the MSC audit experience requirements detailed in A.2.1 (Education and work experience), or</p> <p>ii. The Lead Auditor shall meet the MSC audit experience requirements, and the other team members the ASC audit experience requirements detailed in A.2.1 (Education and work experience).</p> <p>A.2.1 Education and work experience</p> <p>c. For audits involving both farmed and wild-harvested seaweed (production categories Bi and Ci in Table 2 of the Standard) the environmental auditor shall meet all the education and work experience.</p>
2. Proposed variation	<p>16.1.1 Teams shall include a lead auditor and should include additional team member/s.</p> <p>16.1.2 Teams shall include member/s that have the experience and expertise outlined in Annex A.</p> <p>Annex A – Auditor qualifications and competencies Table A.3 – Team Leader qualifications and competencies A.3 In addition to the requirements for the overall team in Table A.1 and individual auditor and technical expert in Table A.2, team leaders shall possess the following qualifications and competencies: A.3.2 Audit experience :</p> <p>d. For audits involving both farmed and wild seaweed (production categories Bi and Ci in Table 2 of the Seaweed Standard):</p> <p>i. The Lead Auditor shall meet the ASC audit experience requirements or the other team members the MSC audit experience requirements detailed in A.2.1 (Education and work experience), or</p> <p>ii. The Lead Auditor shall meet the MSC audit experience requirements or the other team members the ASC audit experience requirements detailed in A.2.1 (Education and work experience).</p>
3. Rationale/Justification	<p>According to the minimum qualifications for the composition of the audit team (Team leader and other team members), it is defined that there is a limit to having the same level of qualifications as A.2.1 Education and work experience for both team leaders and members. In the case of an auditor in charge of environmental principles, the qualifications in A. of A.2.1 Education and work experience are met. Additionally, other member - Seaweed local technical expert has a competency for A.2.1 Education and work experience b. sufficiently.</p> <p>Eun-Kyung, Hwang PhD. : Eun Kyoung Hwang is a seaweed technical expert in Korea who has been working for the Seaweed Research Center of the National Institute of Fisheries Science for 20 years. Also, she served as a director of the Aquatic Plant Variety Center of NIFS from 2019 to 2020. She got her Ph.D. in marine biology and had a postdoc fellowship in the Marine Lab., at Queen's University of Belfast, UK. She has various publications on the biology and resources of porphyra species, such as Hwang EK, Choi HG, Kim JK. 2020. Seaweed resources of Korea. Botanica Marina 63(4):395~405., and Park CS, Hwang EK*. 2015. Biochemical characterization of Pyropia yezoensis-AP1 strain accompanies the resistance reaction to the red rot disease pathogen, Pythium porphyrae. J. Appl. Phycol., 27:2149-2156..</p>
4. Implications for assessment (required for production unit assessment variations only)	Audit team for Bi category seaweed assessment must have enough competency minimum requirement for A.2.1 Education and work experience

5. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No, N/A
6. Further comments	N/A

ASC-MSC response

Status	Complete
Decision	Accept
Date of decision	1/24/2023
Rationale for decision	ASC-MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Low probability to find competent auditors that meet the ASC-MSC competencies requirements specified in Annex A of the Seaweed CAR.• The lead auditor in question is a vastly experienced auditor• The technical expert meets the requirements outlined in A2.1• The assessment team meets all the competencies requirements outlined in Annex A of the Seaweed CAR