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ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Variation Request Template

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Variation Request Template

Date submitted to ASC-MSC	Thursday, February 29, 2024
Name of CAB	DNV business assurance
Production unit Name/CoC Certificate Number	GIJANG SUSTAINABLE SEAWEED NETWORK, UOC Code: UOC01385
Name of Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Prasad Roy Puspendra
1. Program requirement/s for which variation is requested	17.23.1
2. Proposed variation	<i>DNV proposes to deliver part of the audit as remote</i>
3. Rationale/Justification	<p><i>due to inclement weather, there was warning from government-not to venture in the sea; hence during the onsite audit we couldn't go to the sea due to safety reasons following government instruction.. This cyclonic weather was set just during the audit. All other audit activities have been completed. Remote audit is asked for only production site visit as soon as the weather will be clear in the area. (in attach evidences)</i></p> <p><i>The remaining audit for verification of production site has to be done by remote method only as all the part of the audit has already completed and only site visit is pending. Further, the site is very far off away from the auditor's site from India to Korea and hence it will not making sense to do a repeat site visit only for 0.5 mds of audit while all other part of the audit has been completed.</i></p>
4. Implications for assessment (required for production unit assessment variations only)	<i>the direct timeline is impacted as the audit was interrupted and will be completed in remote (if the VR is approved) As soon as possible</i>
5. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	Not yet. The communication will be pblished once approved by ASC MSC seaweed team
6. Further comments	<i>Please include any further relevant information.</i>

ASC-MSR response	
Status	
Decision	Accept
Date of decision	21/3/2024
Condition for accepting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAB can confirm that they are able to complete the remote portion of the surveillance audit effectively. • The CAB shall publish a stakeholder announcement, including the planned dates of the remote portion of the surveillance audit and an explanation of how stakeholders can participate. • The acceptance of this VR only applies to this specific surveillance audit.
Rationale for decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the surveillance has already been conducted, onsite, and the production site visit is the only thing that remains. They were unable to conduct the production site visit in person due to inclement weather. • The site is very far from where the assessors live, and it does not make sense for the auditor to travel from India to Korea for a half-day audit.