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Via email to jorgemafuca@gmail.com

RE: Introduction to the Indian Ocean tuna and large pelagics – longline (Afrutex) FIP.

Dear Mr Mafuca,

This letter is to introduce the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) currently operating in the Indian Ocean Longline tuna and large pelagics fishery (Afrutex). The fishery targets Bigeye Tuna (*Thunnus obesus*), Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) and Mahi-mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*). The Longline vessels are flagged to Mozambique and operate on the high seas in FAO Area 51 and the EEZ of Mozambique (see Appendix 1 for full vessel details). The fishery is regionally managed by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) in the Indian Ocean. Please view the FIP overview and [action workplan](#) on the [Fishery Progress Profile](#), to find out more information.

The aim of the FIP is to become certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), and the FIP intends to submit the fishery to the MSC certification process by June 2025. Consequently, there are a number of actions that the FIP must undertake before it can pass all the requirements of certification, mainly from Principle 3 – Effective Management. Within this Principle, there are seven requirements that need to be evidenced, including:

- 3.1.1 – Legal and Customary Framework
- 3.1.2 – Consultation, roles and responsibilities
- 3.1.3 – Long term objectives
- 3.2.1 – Fishery-specific objectives
- 3.2.2 – Decision-making processes
- 3.2.3 – Compliance and enforcement
- 3.2.4 – Monitoring and management performance evaluation.

The majority of the actions require a specific knowledge of fisheries management from the coastal states mentioned in the first paragraph, including Mozambique.

In order to make this process more efficient, the FIP would be willing to meet virtually over a video conference platform, such as Zoom, with fisheries ministers from Mozambique to ask questions about the current fisheries management practices in the nation. We would use this opportunity to discuss and learn more about the current fisheries management practices in Mozambique and use the information as evidence to inform the MSC when the FIP enters into certification.

Conversely, if you would prefer to correspond over email and provide specific evidence of the fisheries management procedures in Mozambique, this would also be acceptable.

Please respond to this letter to inform the FIP if Mozambique is willing to collaborate with the FIP in achieving MSC Certification. If you have any questions or queries about the FIP or the requirements of the fisheries ministry, do not hesitate in reaching out to the FIP Coordinator, Emily Wardrop at e.wardrop@keytraceability.com.

Kind Regards,

Emily Wardrop – FIP Coordinator, Key Traceability.

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Appendix 1

Vessel name	Call sign	IMO number	Flag	Areas of operation
Ares	C9RZA10	8552229	Mozambique	
Aurora	C9RZA4	8552231	Mozambique	
Clairabelle Jayde	C9RZA1	8551976	Mozambique	
Conlan James	C9RZA12	8551988	Mozambique	
Contender	C9RZA8	8552243	Mozambique	
Endeavor	C9RZA7	8552217	Mozambique	
Felicity Mackenzie	C9RZA2	8551990	Mozambique	
Lauren Darya	C9YUP	8562793	Mozambique	
Mackenzie Marie	C9YUQ	8562781	Mozambique	
Noelle Marie	3B2130	8552009	Mozambique	
Poseidon	C9RZA3	8552255	Mozambique	
Sophia Shay	C9RZA5	8552011	Mozambique	
Zator	C9RZA6	8552281	Mozambique	
Zeus	C9RZA9	8552293	Mozambique	