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Via email to rclarisse@gov.sc

RE: Introduction to the Indian Ocean purse seine tuna (Dongwon Industries) FIP

Dear Mr. Clarisse,

This letter is to introduce the fishery improvement project (FIP) currently operating in the Indian Ocean purse seine tuna fishery (Dongwon Industries). The fishery targets skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*) and yellowfin (*T. albacares*) tunas. The fishing vessels are flagged to the Republic of Korea and operate in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Seychelles and on the Indian Ocean (IO) high seas. The vessels involved are “Blue Ocean” (IMO: 9509396), and “Adria” (8919489). For more detailed information about the FIP, please see the [FisheryProgress website profile](#).

The aim of the FIP is to become certified to sell their tuna as Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)-certified, a voluntary environmental sustainability ecolabeling scheme. Consequently, there are several actions that the FIP must evidence or complete before the fishery can enter into full assessment. Currently, the main barrier in the way is from Principle 3 – effective management. Within this Principle, there are seven performance indicators (PIs) that need to be evidenced, including:

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

As the project coordinators, we are writing to you on behalf of Dongwon Industries as there are some above-mentioned areas regarding Seychelles fisheries management with which we would like your kind knowledge and guidance. The FIP’s gap analysis against the MSC Fisheries Standard was conducted remotely and we are aware that some of the information needed to score the fishery may not have been available online. We are therefore requesting to meet with you, either in-person or remotely via web-conferencing to discuss this with you in greater detail.

If you would be willing to do this, please let us know by replying to Emily Wardrop, the FIP coordinator at e.wardrop@keytraceability.com to arrange some time to discuss at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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