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Via email to mboodhun@govmu.org

RE: Introduction to the Indian Ocean Purse Seine (Dongwon Industries) FIP

Dear Mr. M. Boodhun,

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 Tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), Bigeye Tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*). The purse seine vessels are flagged to the Republic of Korea and operate on the high seas in FAO Areas 51 and 57, and within the following coastal states' Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs): Seychelles and Mauritius (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 March 2026. 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 all the coastal states mentioned in the first paragraph, including Mauritius.

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 Mauritius 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 Mauritius 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 Mauritius, this would also be acceptable.

Please respond to this letter to inform the FIP if Mauritius 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
ADRIA	DTBY3	8919489	KOREA (Republic of)	IOTC High Seas, Mauritius EEZ, Seychelles EEZ.
BLUE OCEAN	DTBU5	9509396	KOREA (Republic of)	IOTC High Seas, Mauritius EEZ, Seychelles EEZ.