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RE: Introduction to the Indonesia undulate venus clam (*Paratapes undulatus*) - dredge (Bumble Bee Seafood) FIP

Dear members of the Anang Margono,

This letter is to introduce the Indonesia undulate venus (baby) clam (*Paratapes undulatus*) dredge fishery improvement project (FIP). The fishery operates in Fisheries Management Area (FMA) 712 within the coastal waters of Gresik and Sidoarjo regencies of Surabaya. There are 25 boats in the FIP fleet and all supply baby clam to PT. Rex Canning, one of the leading canned, pouched, and frozen seafood companies in Indonesia. PT. Rex Canning is led by Chu Seang Ming, the General Manager and one of the participants of the FIP. The project is also partnered with Bumble Bee Seafood Company, an industry leader in seafood sustainability. The collaborative nature of the FIP will be beneficial for the progress of the fishery towards certification by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). For more information about the project and its participants, please see the FIP's profile on [FisheryProgress](#).

The first stage in FIP development is to conduct a pre-assessment and assess the fishery against the MSC Fisheries Standard to identify any weaknesses or areas for improvement. The pre-assessment was conducted remotely by Key Traceability and used online sources to answer the assessment criteria. Consequently, there were data gaps in the pre-assessment, which need to be addressed, including:

- Research on the undulate venus (baby) clam stocks in FMA 712;
- Management measures for the species, including total allowable catch (TAC), fishery closure periods, reference points, etc.;
- Fishery-specific objectives;
- Decision-making processes;
- Compliance and enforcement; and
- Monitoring and management evaluation

We are requesting any additional information from the East Java Fisheries Agency that will help to answer the aforementioned data gaps. The project participants would like to invite you to a virtual meeting to discuss this request in more detail. Conversely, we could arrange an in-person meeting in Indonesia if this is preferred. We would use this opportunity to learn more about the current fishery management practices in Indonesia and use the information to inform the FIP progress. Please respond to this letter to confirm a date and time that would be convenient to you over the next few weeks.

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,

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