

Taiwan Fisheries Agency - Key Traceability Meeting

1st July 2025 3PM – 4 PM (Taiwan Standard Time)

Taipei, Taiwan

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Attended
Mr. Ming-fen Wu	Taiwan Fisheries Agency	Y
Mr. Chih-ching Chou	Taiwan Fisheries Agency	Y
Mr. Chia-hao Chang	Taiwan Fisheries Agency	Y
Mr. Shun-kuo Huang	Taiwan Fisheries Agency	Y
Mr. Wei-yang Liu	Overseas Fisheries Development Council	Y
Ms. Hui-shan Ma	Overseas Fisheries Development Council	Y
Tom Evans	Key Traceability	Y
Daniel Yang	Key Traceability	Y
MJ Chen	Key Traceability	Y

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<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction</p> <p>The meeting started with an introduction of KT, KT's business scope, questions relevant to MSC environmental topics, and social. TFA is increasingly interested in MSC and willing to provide any assistance to Taiwan commercial fisheries. KT can provide some training materials to strengthen TFA capacity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Taiwan Development of Electronic Monitoring System (EMS)</p> <p>KT is interested about TFA's position on the importance of EM standards in Taiwanese fishery regulations. TFA did not express their position – currently focusing on complying with RFMO-level observer standards and enhance national observer coverage.</p> <p>Both OFDC and TFA are planning to build fisheries data analysis capacity – to consolidate data governance and assist commercial fisheries in assessment against seafood certification.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MSC Discussion</p> <p>KT explained the difference of shark regulation in MSC v3 vs. MSC v2.01. MSC v3 regulates that all species in IUCN Red List and CITES Appendix II are categorised as ETP, including blue shark and short-fin mako – the most commonly encountered species of shark in longline fisheries. Furthermore, observer coverage in the new standard has led to further difficulties in the most of longline fisheries encountering sharks failed to pass. We further mentioned that v3 is postponed to Oct 2027, so fisheries can get certified through v2.01 before 2027.</p> <p>TFA is keen to provide flag-state vessels with any assistance towards sustainable fishery certification such as MSC. KT will be supporting TFA in sharing any information that is useful for MSC-relevant policy development.</p> <p>TFA asked about the MSC's perspective in shark fin naturally attached. KT responded that MSC also follows shark fin naturally attached policy and flag state's regulation regarding shark finning.</p>

TFA asked how MSC defines data limited fisheries and questioned that no fisheries would pass MSC if any species is considered data insufficient. KT responded that if the assessed fishery satisfies MSC-guidance on observer coverage, the fishery would meet the requirement. As for the data deficient species, fishery can conduct RBF and/or ensure the species are considered out-of-scope or secondary species in the assessment.

Actions

Action Number	Action	Responsibility
1	KT to share sample EM data format.	KT
2	KT to share training materials for MSC.	KT
3	TFA and KT to explore opportunities for future collaboration in TFA staff capacity building on sustainability seafood certifications.	TFA/KT

