CLARIFICATION ON MSC PA SCORES FOR THE ARGENTINE RED SHRIMP OFFSHORE FISHERY (CHUBUT, ARGENTINA)

An MSC Pre-Assessment (MSC PA) of the Argentine red shrimp offshore fishery that takes place in provincial waters of the provinces of Chubut and Santa Cruz and in national waters under federal jurisdiction (UoC 1) was conducted by Bureau Veritas. The assessment was hired in November 2014, around the time the MSC Certification Requirements (MSC CR) version 2.0 were released to the public on 1st October 2014 (see MSC CR, page 6).

The first draft of the MSC PA report turned in by Bureau Veritas for comments was based on the MSC CR version 1.3 that was still in force at the time. Taking into consideration that version 2.0 would become effective as of 1st April 2015 (see MSC CR, page 6), the client group asked for the MSC PA to be conducted against the latest version of the standard. Bureau Veritas kindly complied, and the final report of the MSC PA against the MSC CR version 2.0 was received in September 2015.

In this final report, two slips went unnoticed by the CB:

   a) The summary table for UoC1 (see page 50 of the MSC PA) is related to the MSC CR v1.3 and not to the MSC CR v2.0, that is the version used for the pre-assessment.

   b) Colors in the table do not match the scores provided along with the scoring rationale contained in the Simplified Scoring Sheet (starting at page 52 of the MSC PA).

These are minor errors -explained by the transition between versions- and were fully taken into account by CeDePesca when setting the FIP Action Plan and when providing scores for Fishery Progress’ Indicators Section (as well as when providing scores for the MSC FIP Benchmarking Tool available at CeDePesca’s public report for this FIP).

The correct colors stem from the Simplified Scoring Sheet and are as follows:

- **PI 1.1.2** *(GREEN instead of N/A, see page 52)*
- **PI 2.1.1** *(YELLOW instead of green, see page 55)*
- **PI 2.2.1** *(YELLOW instead of green, see page 57)*
- **PI 2.2.2** *(RED instead of yellow, see page 57)*
- **PI 2.2.3** *(RED instead of yellow, see page 58)*
- **PI 2.3.1** *(YELLOW instead of green, see page 58)*
- **PI 3.2.1** *(YELLOW instead of green, see page 65)*
- **PI 3.2.4** *(RED instead of yellow, see page 66).*