



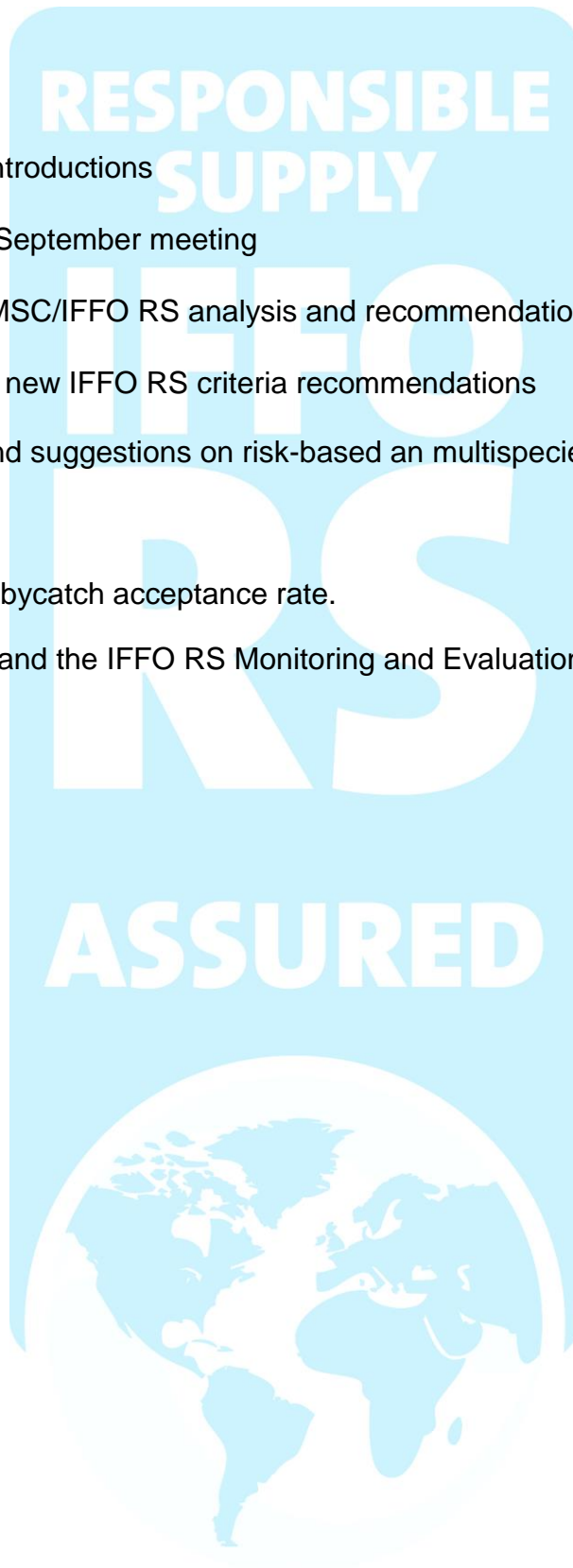
IFFO RS Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of the 2nd Meeting

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Observers		
Mike Platt (MP)	Independent consultant	UK
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Apologises:		
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Huw Thomas (HT)	Morrisons (Retailer)	UK/ Asia
Tracy Cambriedge (TC)	World Wildlife Fund (E-NGO)	World

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Actions from September meeting
- Overview of MSC/IFFO RS analysis and recommendations
- Discussion of new IFFO RS criteria recommendations
- Comments and suggestions on risk-based and multispecies approaches
- AOB
 - Maximum bycatch acceptance rate.
 - Version 2 and the IFFO RS Monitoring and Evaluation system.
- Next Steps
- Close



Welcome and Introductions

Meeting opened at 9:00am GMT +1 and members were welcomed by FA chairman of the IFFO RS TAC. Apologies from BP, HT and TC were presented

Last meeting minutes approval and action points from last meeting

Minutes of last meeting approved and actions were completed. FA will send the current presentation to all TAC members

Overview of MSC/IFFO RS analysis and recommendations

Alignment of the IFFO RS fishery process with the MSC process was explained. The use of MSC FIP benchmarking tools, the PI analysis conducted in order to provide an indication of the potential effect of adopting each PI as an IFFO RS criterion and wording transparency were mentioned and it was requested to focus on this during the meeting.

Discussion of new IFFO RS criteria recommendations

Document B and C provide an analytical basis for deciding which of the MSC criteria should be adapted for IFFO RS V2.0. The results of the analysis were reflected in Document D provided prior the meeting.

Discussion: Changes to the IFFO RS criteria will potentially affect the ability of fisheries both inside and outside the programme to meet its requirements.

Decision: There should be an agreement on which points should be consider in order not to affect many of the current approved IFFO RS fisheries. Some of the changes to the proposed points are as follows:

1. 1.1.1 should come with conditions of improvements over the years
2. Harvest control rule should be mentioned in 1.2.1, as they are central to the development of most harvest strategies. This can be achieved by utilising components of 1.2.2. In addition, this must be general and not specific.
3. 1.2.4 should ensure stock assessments are publicly available to demonstrate transparency in fishery management but also to give greater transparency for the programme
4. To re-write the wording of 2.1.1., the wording can be similar to the one proposed in the document but must have the IFFO RS essence. This clause should be considered but should come with conditions of improvements over the years.

5. Consideration of bycatch / non-target species impacts is missing from the current criteria - implement components of 2.2.1 - 2.2.3.
6. 2.4.1 (Habitats) could utilise a fishery footprint "Habitat Impact" measurement.
7. 2.4.2 - 2.4.3 shall be revisited and revised in the future as it may be difficult at the moment.
8. The standard should request information about By-catch / non target species also need to ensure that they have an effective management framework.
9. 2.5.1 - The MSC low trophic level guidance may be useful when developing the ecosystems criteria - although note the low trophic requirements for the MSC will not be directly adopted by the IFFO RS standard
10. An additional criterion should be included to ensure that data collected by fishery managers is circulated to all relevant stakeholders - i.e. transparency in data collection for all aspects, including ETP species
11. By-products criteria should be tightened up; in particular, they should include a requirement that there be no evidence of slavery in the fleet and/or prove that the fish has not been captured by illegal fishing operations. Look at the possibility of tracing back to the vessel?
12. More definitions on by-products shall be included

Comments and suggestions on risk-based and multispecies approaches

13. The language used for mixed fisheries components needs to be considered carefully, also explained via guidance or glossary
14. Ensure the risk-based and multispecies (R&M) components are considered throughout the development of the assessment criteria, so that they are integrated into the final product
15. Keep the R&M components open-ended until after the case studies
16. NOAA fisheries trawl material may be useful for developing R&M components
17. GSSI criteria should be considered during the process development of IFFO RS V2.0
18. The ability of on-site auditors to assess or confirm components of fisheries management which desktop assessors cannot obtain should be considered in the standard.

AOB

Maximum bycatch acceptance rate.

Discussion on the by-catch acceptance rate of the current version was held. It was agreed that IFFO RS V2.0 will cover this part. For this it was also agreed to review the the FAO criteria for new fisheries.

Version 2 and the IFFO RS Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system.

The M&E System has been developed in order to examine both short-term and long-term outcomes of the IFFO RS Standard. This is a plan that includes all the steps required to assess their contributions to social and environmental impact. These steps include identifying the impact the IFFO RS Standard is seeking to achieve, defining strategies, choosing indicators and collecting data, conducting regular analysis and reporting of data as well as additional impact evaluations, and setting up feedback loops to improve the standard's content and systems over time. The M&E document will be sent to all TAC members for information.

Next Steps

Using the outcomes of this meeting, the agreed PIs will be converted into assessment criteria

A new version of the IFFO RS Standard will be reverse-engineered from these assessment criteria

The assessment criteria will be used to inform the further development of the risk-based and multispecies components, using the methodologies discussed during the first TAC meeting and also incorporating aspects of the methodologies described in Document E, as appropriate.

The full fishery assessment criteria will be presented to the TAC for comments before public consultation.

Close

Meeting closed at 12:00

Action Point	Responsible	Status
To send TAC meeting presentation to all TAC members	FA	Complete
To send the TAC ToR as a reminder for signing	FA	Complete
To apply the agreed changes to the proposed criteria as outlined in this set of minutes	SP/MP	Complete
To include more definitions of by-products and mixed fisheries into the new IFFO RS V2.0	SP/MP	Complete
To consider GSSI criteria during the developmental process of IFFO RS V2.0	SP/MP/FA	Complete
To convert the agreed PI's into assessment criteria	SP/MP	Complete
To send to TAC members the agreed assessment criteria	FA	Complete
To use the MSC FIP benchmarking tools to develop a new set of clauses for the new standard. This to be facilitated by TC and RL	SP/MP	Complete
To send the M&E system document to all TAC members	FA	Complete