

## DRAFT

Minutes of the IFFO RS Limited TAC meeting held at  
Unit C, Printworks, 22 Amelia Street on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at 14.00 hrs.

**Present:** Francisco Aldon (Chair)  
Trygve Berg Lea  
Soren Anker Pederson  
Antoine Dangy  
Blake Lee-Hardwood  
Emily McGregor

**In attendance:** Nick Knightly  
Nicola Clark  
Laura Shepherd  
Vito Romito  
Sam Peacock  
Julia Seewald

**Apologies:** Duncan Leadbitter  
Estelle Brennan

<b>1</b>	<b>QUORUM</b> The Chair opened the Meeting and declared that a quorum was present.
<b>2</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> So as to provide an update following the last IFFO RS TAC meeting, the Chair gave a presentation update on matters regarding the IFFO RS V2.0 launch and proposed possible correction and changes required for future revisions. The Chair also outlined the general objectives (of the meeting).  Constitution of the TAC – Called for confirmation on Chair continuing.  Agreed to continue with Francisco as the Chair.
<b>3</b>	<b>Traceability enhancement</b> The Chair summarised the objective of 'Aquaculture standards requirements – segregation and differentiation of material up to feed' and proposed for the standard to be Benchmark with the MSC CoC standard, in parallel to the development of the new version of the IFFO RS Chain of Custody standard (CoC).  Emily from MSC to consult with the MSC CoC team on which MSC CoC Standard would be best to use and which representative will be best to support with this benchmarking <b>ACTION</b>  Antoine, supported this and offer to help with the Benchmark study.  Countries may have difficulties showing certain elements of the traceability and IFFO RS would need to endeavour to find out why that country is having problems to then address it. Maintain accessibility.  Seafood Task Force: To arrange a meeting with Nick Knightly in Thailand. <b>ACTION</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>By-catch at factory level</b>

	<p>The Chair discussed the issues that have arisen at the factory level and proposed a possible solution such as increasing the level of by-catch at the time of reception. It was proposed to work in collaboration with Denmark and Chile and to investigate the repercussions of increasing the by-catch level at the time of reception.</p> <p>Soren to send information about the 9% European law on By-catch <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>There were suggestions from the TAC that increasing the level from 5% - 9% would send a signal that IUU is being tolerated and this is very much linked with the treatment of workers and also that the % could be dependent upon the species.</p> <p>It was also noted that there are two references to the 5% rule and it should be made explicitly clear the differences between the two.</p> <p>This remains outstanding and IFFO RS is to investigate the point and observations made further and to get in touch with the TAC to gather advice and thoughts <b>ACTION</b></p> <p><u>Timeframes for development:</u> The Chair presented the foreseen timelines for the development of V2.1 of the IFFO RS Standard with the aim to launch it in Q4 of 2019</p> <p>The TAC is to look at their schedules and let IFFO RS know should the proposed timings for meetings are possible <b>ACTION</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Recognition of Standards</b></p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of reducing duplication, increasing efficiency and improve accessibility in relation to the recognition of other standards.</p> <p>The Chair proposed using the ISEAL Standard-Setting Code – Clause 6.4.3 as a guide for the assurance evaluation of the standards to be recognised by IFFO RS</p> <p>The chair then listed the procedures that IFFO RS need to develop and what this must include and in addition, clarified the evidence that IFFO RS must present.</p> <p>The recognition of standards procedures will be presented at the Governance Board for approval in October 2018.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>IFFO RS Multispecies approach</b></p> <p>The Chair handed over the discussion over to Sam Peacock to provide the TAC with and update on the multispecies approach since the last TAC meeting and outlined the proposed approach moving forward before presenting the results of the peer review input.</p> <p>To allow the TAC sufficient time, the TAC was asked to look in more detail at the documentation on the MTF approach and give IFFO RS further feedback <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>To include peer review comments gathered into V2.1 of the IFFO RS standard in relation the MTF clauses that were thought to relate or be applicable to ALL fisheries.</p> <p>Sam presented key questions raised by Peer Review team for the TAC. TAC to look at the key questions and submit comments to IFFO RS <b>ACTION</b></p>

	<p>Concern was raised that the bar has been set very low and noted that firm policies do need to be put in place, such as statements declaring commitment towards responsibility. Include a minimum that should be included. Francisco raised that we also need to be careful not to raise the bar too high.</p> <p>TAC agreed that a 'pass' mark is to be determined sooner rather than later by IFFO RS. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed to the TAC that the GB will approve when the Multi Species approach will be ready for public and also discussed the public consultation period and how further comments would be addressed.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Modern Slavery Assessment approach</b></p> <p>The Chair handed the discussion over to Vito Romito to provide an outline of the proposed approach for the modern slavery assessment.</p> <p>Vito confirmed that the current document of the IFFO RS Modern Slavery Assessment approach is simply a proposal at this stage and it is open for discussion whether other areas such as storage should be specifically covered and the scope is to be defined. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Suggestions for IFFO RS to make use of the ITUC Global Rights Index as it is a solid document with regards to risk-based assessments were given (specifically worker rights/abuse) Nick to send information about this. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Questions raised by Vito in the presentation are to be looked at by the TAC and comments to returned back to IFFO RS for consideration. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>It was mentioned that ILO conventions could be removed as they are worldwide (conventions 138 – 182). It is only India that hasn't ratified them and that IFFO RS should look at the list of goods produced with a high incidents of child labour. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>The question of who will be providing the judgement on interpretation of the indicators was raised and whether this would be the auditors or assessors? Vito, clarified majority could be done by assessors, but then other levels may need more social experience but needs to be discussed further and clarified <b>ACTION</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>IFFO RS Chain of Custody (CoC) V2.0 development approach</b></p> <p>The meeting was handed back to the Chair to discuss the development of the IFFO RS Chain of Custody (CoC) standard V2.0 giving a brief overview of the history of the CoC standard and the proposed revisions to be included in V2.0</p> <p><u>Timeframes for development:</u> The Chair presented the foreseen timelines for the development of V2.0 of the IFFO RS CoC standard.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AoB</b></p> <p>TAC to submit comments and confirmations raised during this meeting within the next week, ahead of the 9<sup>th</sup> April so this can be included for the Board Pack to be sent prior the IFFO RS GB meeting <b>ACTION</b></p>

<b>10</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>
	On further business, The Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman