



## Marketplace Working Group Minutes

Date: 07 November 2019

Location: Skype

### Agenda

1. To demonstrate the Marketplace's backend system and
2. To discuss MSC certification, chain of custody and their relation to star system

### 1. Points for members

- Reminder to members to upload species into the Marketplace database.
- Reminder to members that the star-rating system was built with a mindset that products that not all products can simply obtain certification. To give recognition to suppliers with good seafood products.

### 2. Feedback for Marketplace

- Member suggestions for platform:
  - Allow the supplier information section to be auto generated after one entry
  - Product information (e.g. sashimi grade, Label Rouge) should be entered with detail rather than yes/no
  - MSC Number - this number can be uploaded. If few products are certified and you want to create a new product and only MSC Chain of Custody (COC) number inputted, just saying that this is an MSC product. The topic of MSC will be explored further with Sustainability Risk Assessment working group consultant
  - How to input products that may lose certification in time, how can the Marketplace remain up to date so changes to the seafood industry is reflected?
    - Response: It is up to the supplier to keep species up to date
    - Members agree that if the product is MSC with COC, the product should be classified as three stars
    - Suggestion to add expiry date for MSC COC products
  - Some members would like basic checking for consistency in formats by system administrator
  - Certificates of origin and health certificates are both commercially sensitive and cannot be uploaded/accessed freely
    - One member will take the lead to improve documentation from the supplier point of view to see what is possible to achieve
  - Could there be up to date stock information be added?
    - None of the members wish to add product availability information into the database at this time

### 3. Next steps

- Start to address the star-ratings in the next meeting.