



Marketplace Working Group Minutes

Date: 27 November 2019

Location: Skype

Attendees: 9

4	Members	0	Technical Advisor
0	Observers	4	Steering Committee
1	Secretariat		

Agenda

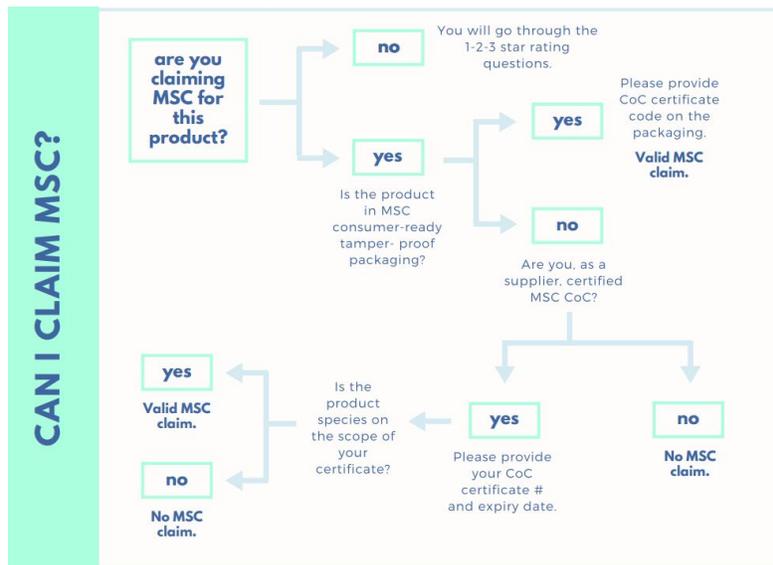
1. To discuss housekeeping items of the working group
2. To update the discussion on MSC
3. To review Marketplace traceability assessment

1. Housekeeping Items

- Confirm the next members meeting - Feb 2020.
- Notice of research on sea cucumbers.
- Request for all members to update their Marketplace profile, as they can see some buyers making searches on the Marketplace.

2. Update on discussion on MSC

- Sustainability Risk Assessment consultant has helped to create decision tree for MSC products to give clarifications. For the Marketplace, the flow would be as follows:



- Questions for claiming MSC:
 - a. Are you claiming MSC for this product (Y/N).



- b. Is the product in an MSC consumer-ready tamper-proof kit (Reason: MSC has two different ways to verify the supply chain. One is via certified chain of custody, the second is via tamper proof packaging) (Y/N).
 - c. Are you certified by the MSC for chain of custody? (Y/N).
 - d. Is the product species on the scope of your certificate (Y/N).
- **Feedback:**
 - Protocol for tamper-proof packaging: There are different levels of licensing for MSC products based on whether the fee payment has been made. Overall, the important part is that it is very clear MSC packaging. If the packaging does not have an MSC logo, then you cannot make the claim.
 - Tamper proof packaging, to claim MSC do you also need to hold the license? Technically, everyone in the chain selling the MSC product should be certified - but there is some clarification needed
 - Ultimately, members suggest that if the above is satisfied, it aligns with the three-star rating.
- 3. Review of Traceability Star Ratings**
- Suggestions for documentation:
 - a. If the supplier has a very small supply chain, suggested that a Letter of Custody could be developed.
 - b. Members agree to start with four-stars for the star rating system for traceability, as there is enough substance at each level for four categories.
 - c. Need further clarifications on where Health Certificates should be located, and what information must be included in the certificate.
 - d. Availability of documentation: Documentation should always be readily available should a stakeholder request it.
 - e. Some of the documentation suggested contain sensitive information (e.g. health certificates, packing lists, invoices - though there are questions over how much information can be gathered from these documents). Suggestion that redacted documents could be used.
 - f. Information on vessel details suggested for level three (though clear definition is needed); health certificates for level one.
 - g. Wild catch and farmed are so different. Might need to develop different star rating systems for wild and farmed products.
- 4. Next steps**
- Input details and specific questions/ details for what is needed for the database. Marketplace will need very specific questions.
 - Once details are inputted, the working group will request a review from the Technical Advisor.
 - Secretariat to create a Google Doc for members to provide feedback on the Marketplace.