



Sustainability Risk Assessment – Working Group Meeting notes

23 February 2021

Attendance:

- Technical Advisor / Chair of WG: 1
- Working Group members: 4
- Secretariat: 1

Objectives:

- Provide progress update
- Determine way forward in 2021

1. Progress and introductions

- Review of WG members and scope of work from 2019-2020
 - i. Assessment team for species profiles
 - ii. Recap on webinar hosted on 2 November 2020 for the launch of the SRA website
 - iii. Website review
 1. What information is included
 2. Challenges on information collection and areas where we could use member support (e.g., seasonality)
 3. Supplier questions
 4. FIPs and link to FishSource / FisheryProgress websites
- Why a new risk assessment methodology?
 - i. To provide an indication of risk for data deficient fisheries
 - ii. Wanted to build local capacity and network including Hong Kong academia
 - iii. Needed to align to HKSSC risk criteria for ease of use by members
 - iv. Need for local relevance – summaries should be translated to Chinese in future
- Introduction of HSH representative who has joined the SRA WG in 2021. This brings useful hotel / F&B industry experience to the WG

1. Member feedback

A. How many of the 16 species currently profiled on the SRA website are relevant for your business?

	Wild	Farmed
All		



Some	1Y (Yellowfin tuna); 1Y (Spiny lobster; Two squid species); 1Y (lobster)	1Y (Red snapper; J. Seabass; Murray cod) 1Y (Grouper; snapper and lobster) 1Y (Spiny lobster; Murray cod)
None	1Y (as all products sourced from NZ)	1Y (as all products sourced from NZ)
Of interest but not currently trading	1Y (Slipper lobster); 1Y (Leopard Coral Trout (Australia); Bluefin tuna); 1Y (Albacore tuna; Bluefin tuna)	1Y (Grey mullet)

- 12 out of 16 species are either currently being traded or are of interest to the WG members
- One member has received interest from clients on wild caught leopard coral trout (which is a grouper) and depends on geographic source e.g. Australia preferred; they do not source from Indonesia and Philippines, so it depends on client demand. But generally all hotel tenders in Hong Kong always include LCT
- Blue Fin and Albacore have slipped in importance and two members have decided not to pursue Bluefin given NGO concerns
- Some members haven't used the website yet, but certainly will and they feel it will be very useful for them. The layout is very good

WG members invited to provide suggestions on website user interface.

B. Which species should be assessed this year? (objective is to get 5 farmed and 5 wild)

Antarctic toothfish (wild caught)	link <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> – Southern Ocean
Sea cucumber (wild caught and farmed)	Mediterranean / North African countries / China / Korea / Japan but could cover multiple to know which are more sustainable Yvonne Sadovy (HKU) and Stan Shea (BLOOM) have produced research on sea cucumber and have contacts with sustainable producers in Indonesia and Malaysia. M&C can share the report with WG.
Sweetwater fish (Brazil) / appearance like an anaconda and very large (wild caught?)	M&C to share information for initial review before assessment
Patagonian toothfish (wild caught)	<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> - Southern Ocean; Australia, New Zealand etc.



Live King crab (wild caught)	Very popular in Hong Kong – from Norway, Russia, Alaska etc.
Soft-shell crab (wild caught and farmed)	Bangladesh, Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia etc.

Members to put forward other wild and farmed species to be considered for assessment within the next two weeks.

C. Potential FIPs and AIPs

- Any species that is currently rated as medium / high risk and is commercially valuable for you?
- Any opportunities across members sourcing the same species?
- Would members be interested in trialing one Fisheries Improvement Project (FIP) and one Aquaculture Improvement Project (AIP) this year?
- Do you know of any possible FIP candidates (location/species)?
- <https://fisheryprogress.org/>
- Potential for members to support FIP / AIP (in-kind / financially) if commercially viable?

Is there interest from members?

- Yes it would be good for HKSSC / SRA to put one forward
- Indoguna: Wild caught soft-shell crab. Currently trading in it. Not aware of any FIPs for this
- M&C: King crab. Potential future issue due to high usage. But discussed that we will look to including King crab in the risk assessment and focus on soft-shell crab for a FIP
- Indoguna and HSH - Grey Mullet (Hong Kong) - farmed