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## **CLARIFICATION ON MSC PA SCORES FOR BRAZILIAN RED AND GREEN LOBSTER TRAP**

An MSC Pre-Assessment (MSC PA) of the Brazilian red and green lobster trap in August 2011 by CeDePesca, with financial support from the Resources Legacy Fund's Sustainable Fisheries Fund. Bureau Veritas conducted the MSC PA using the MSC Certification Requirements (MSC CR) version 1.3. The MSC PA final report was received in February 2012, before the MSC CR version 2.0 were released to the public on 1st October 2014 and became effective on 1st April 2015 (see MSC CR v.2.0, page 6).

The MSC CR v2.0 brings the change of assessing non-target species depending on whether they are under management (primary) or not (secondary), instead of on whether they are retained or discarded. Therefore, old Performance Indicators related to components 2.1 (retained non-target species) and 2.2 (bycatch species) had to be re-assessed in order to have scores that reflect the situation of the fishery against the current requirements.

Due to the lack of data to classify principle 2, not knowing the by-catch composition, a decision was made to use a precautionary approach in the transition from v 1.3 to v 2.0 in the primary and secondary PLs. This gives as a result the scores provided in the Indicators Section of the Brazilian Lobster FIP profile available online at [FisheryProgress.com](http://FisheryProgress.com), as follows: a) PI 2.1.1 red instead of yellow and, b) PI 2.2.1 red instead of yellow. The other PLs remained with the same scores.