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# MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a Fishery Assessment

*Instructions to CABs and assessment teams*

*This template details the information required from Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) when using the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a fishery assessment or reassessment. The criteria by which a component may be identified as data-deficient and thereby eligible for the RBF are given in the MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox, 5.2.1 and its associated Tables 3-5 for each Performance Indicator (PI) for which the RBF is to be applied.*

*Please complete all unshaded fields. All notes and guidance indicated in italics, please delete and replace with your specific information where relevant.*

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* *Deletion of introductory text or instructions; and,*
* *Addition of subheadings to improve clarity and readability.*

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Table 1: Fishery information

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| 1 | Fishery name |
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| 2 | CAB |
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| 3 | Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC |
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| 4 | Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF |
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| 5 | PI that the RBF is to be applied for |
| *Duplicate rows 5 and 6 for multiple PIs* | |
| 6 | Justification for use |
| * *Refer to the MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox, A1.1.2 and its associated guidance when providing justification.* * *Note that it is required that stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox, A2.1.1.e). The stakeholder comment and CAB response shall be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCP v2.3/3.0, 7.20.6).* | |

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Table 2: Template version control

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| Version | Date of publication | Description of amendment |
| 1.0 | 15 August 2011  15 November 2011 | Date of first release.  Date of application.  Created as one of the Normative Documents to accompany release of MSC Certification Requirements v1.0 |
| 2.0 | 08 October 2014 | Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0 |
| 3.0 | 17 December 2018 | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 |
| 3.01 | 28 March 2019 | Minor document change for usability |
| 3.1 | 25 March 2020 | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 |
| 3.2 | 26 October 2022 | Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.3 and v3.0 |

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