

## MINISTRY OF FISHERIES & AGRICULTURE

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Dear, Mr.Jose Luis Jauregui Echebastar Fleet / Hartswater Ltd Muelle Erroxape S/N - 48370 Bermeo. Spain

## RE: Echebaster MSC certification action plan

The Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture acknowledge and welcome the below points that are being undertaken under Echebaster MSC certification action plan, that include the following;

- 1 Echebastar Internal Company Management Plan.
  - · Fishery Standards.
  - Code of Ethics
- 2 MSC audits and its validation and re-certification related projects
- 3 New FAD management Plan for Echebastar
  - Bio FADs
  - FAD Recovery program "FAD Watch"
  - Reduction of the number of FADs
    - Reduction from present 350 to 250 by 2022 active buoys at sea.
    - Reduction from present 700 to 500 purchase of buoys per year, by 2022
- 4 FIP Participation. Actively and leading the sustainability proposals.
- 5 Request to the SFA to prioritize the Observers information from Echebastar vessels, with the purpose of the data requested for the compliance of the conditions, to be timely in the hands of the certification audit team
- 6 Support Seychelles Fishing Authority initiatives to improve monitoring of transhipment and landings in Port Victoria through FIP.



As a stakeholder we look forward to working with you to achieve your goals in the process for your MSC certification for the first annual surveillance audit, and the possible recertification.

Yours sincerely

Jude Talma (Mr.)

Principal Secretary Fisheries Department Ministry Of Fisheries and Agriculture

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