

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF

INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATION IN RESPECT OF ECHEBASTAR INDIAN OCEAN PURSE SEINE SKIPJACK TUNA

DECISION OF THE INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR

1. On 2 April 2024 the Marine Stewardship Council received a Notice of Objection from the Coalition for Transparent Tuna Fisheries (hereafter “CTTF”) objecting to the Final Draft Report and Determination of the Conformity Assessment body (hereafter “CAB”) (Bureau Veritas) in respect of the Echebastar Indian Ocean Purse Seine Skipjack Tuna (hereafter the Fishery).
2. The Fishery Client is Pesqueras Echebastar S.A. (hereafter “Echebastar” or the “Fishery Client”).
3. The assessment was carried out under FCP version 2.3 and will follow the Disputes Process version 1.1. The Fisheries Standard applicable is 2.01.
4. By way of a decision dated 15 April 2024 the Independent Adjudicator accepted the Notice of Objection.
5. During the adjudication stage, the Objector wrote on 5 June 2024, providing written notice that the objection would not be pursued to a hearing and informed me, and the parties, the objection was “formally withdrawn”.
6. The withdrawal is accepted. The objection to the CAB’s Final Draft Report and Determination is dismissed.

John McKendrick KC

Independent Adjudicator

10 June 2024