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To Whom It May Concern.

Subject: Indian Oil Sardine (*Sardinella longiceps*) stock status in FAO 51

The World Sustainability Organization, manager of the Friend of the Sea certification program, wishes to inform all accredited Certification Bodies that, starting on the 1st of January 2026, Indian oil sardine (*Sardinella longiceps*), will not be eligible for certification, unless and until an official stock assessment will confirm compliance with the MSY and or fleet conformity with a Management Plan aiming at maintaining the stock as sustainable level.

Thank you for your collaboration.

In faith,

Paolo Bray
Director and founder of Friend of the Sea