

**Point Ceylon (Suntay) Aquaculture Estates
Environmental Assessment Report and Recommendations N° 41
Addendum**

Purpose of Addendum

This document is an addendum to Environmental Assessment Report N° 41 prepared by the Office of Environment and Heritage for the Point Ceylon Aquaculture Estates Environmental Impact Statement. The purpose of this addendum is to replace Recommendation 7 of the assessment report, which read:

The hatchery should be relocated to a site away from Pont Ceylon to ensure increased separation between the hatchery and the pearling operations in Bynoe Harbour. The preferred location would be on a site with access to and drainage into Wheatley Creek.

Background

Recommendation 7 arose from concerns that the pearling operations in Bynoe Harbour could be adversely affected by discharges from the estate. Further, an independent review of the environmental risk assessment undertaken for the EIS indicated that the hatchery would potentially discharge waters continuously to Bynoe Harbour.

Since the assessment report was produced, Suntay Aquaculture Estates have claimed that the hatchery facility is to be operated as a closed system with no operational discharges to Bynoe Harbour. The Office of Environment and Heritage has satisfactorily confirmed this information through ensuing discussion and correspondence with Point Ceylon Aquaculture Estates representatives and investigations.

The improvement of hatchery facility operations was grounds for review of Recommendation 7 of Assessment Report N° 41 and consequently, the revised recommendation.

Addendum

To be inserted on pages 13 and 14 of the Assessment Report N° 41, replacing Recommendation 7 and its preface (the revised recommendation will also replace Recommendation 7 within the Summary of Recommendations section of the assessment report):

The hatchery / breeding facility is proposed to be positioned at Point Ceylon due to its proximity to fresh salt water essential for growth of larvae, and for reasons of biosecurity. The facility will be operated as a closed system with no discharges to Bynoe Harbour. This would be achieved by enclosing the operation within a building fitted with storm shutters to prevent ingress of stormwater. Any spillages and wash-down will be collected within internal floor drainage systems and directed to sewer. All water will be recirculated following filtration and cleaning or transported with prawn stock to production ponds. Waste solids from filtration will also be sent to sewer.

In the interests of minimising risk to the pearling operations in Bynoe Harbour, it is essential that the breeding facility be constructed, operated and maintained as a closed system with no discharges to the immediate external environment or into Bynoe Harbour.

Recommendation 7

The hatchery should operate as a closed system with zero operational discharges to Bynoe Harbour.