

Charge Statement for Peer Review of the Endangered Species Act Status Review Report for Seven Species of Giant Clams (*H. hippopus*, *H. porcellanus*, *Tridacna derasa*, *T. gigas*, *T. mbalavuana*, *T. squamosa*, and *T. squamosina*)

The purpose of this peer review is to evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness, and application of data used in the Status Review Report, and to evaluate the findings made in the Extinction Risk Analysis section of the Status Review Report.

In conducting your review, please address the following questions.

1. In general, does the Status Review Report include and cite the best scientific and commercial information available on the species and their biology, habitat and distribution, population structure, abundance trends, threats, and risk of extinction?
2. Where available and relevant, are opposing scientific studies or theories acknowledged and discussed?
3. Are the scientific conclusions factually supported, sound, and logical?
4. Are uncertainties assessed and clearly stated?
5. Are the methods used for the Extinction Risk Analysis valid and appropriate?
6. Are the results and conclusions of the Extinction Risk Analysis supported by the information presented?

You may also make suggested edits to the document in track changes using Microsoft Word.

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