

Brazilian Lobster FIP Progress Update

July 2016 -- CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITIES APPEAR IN BLUE THROUGHOUT THE TABLE

Results/ FIP Stage	Indicator of Success	Specific Details	Date Achieved	List of Suppliers/ Organizations	Source
FIP is launched (Stage 1)	Sustainability evaluation is publicly available	MSC pre-assessment done. Client: State of Ceará	January 2012	Ceará State CeDePesca	Confidential
		Sustainability information is available	June 2012	SFP	Caribbean spiny lobster – Northern South America
	Fishery improvement recommendations are publicly available	FIP public report and workplan available	May 2012	CeDePesca	FIP Public report
			April 2013	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Updated Workplan for 2014
			March 2016	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Workplan 2016
FIP is formed (Stage 2)	Suppliers are organized	After initial discussions with US importers and Brazilian exporters, the companies listed in the List of Suppliers/ Organizations column became part of the FIP	November 2011 through May 2012	<i>Brazilian exporters:</i> Netuno International; Ipesca; Monteiro Pescados; Bomar Pescados; COMPEX; Santa Lavinia; Icapui Pesca; Allmare Alimentos; COMPESCAL; CELM Aquicultura;	Reunião Internacional para discussão da Certificação da Lagosta Cearense Em Discussão: Selo de Certificação da Lagosta Cearense SPA coordena debate sobre Certificação Internacional da Pesca da Lagosta do Ceará para a Copa de 2014
			July 2012	SINDFRIO	Email exchanges
		Brazilian exporters agreed that they will become affiliated with SINDFRIO (industry association) and would sign a formal agreement with CeDePesca			

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		Meeting in Boston Seafood Show with 7 Brazilian exporters and 11 US importers and buyers to discuss pre-assessment conclusions and workplan	March 2012	See exporters and importers list above	
		Meeting with Brazilian exporters in Fortaleza, held in May 2012, discussed the findings of the MSC pre-assessment and the characteristics of the FIP were explained in detail	May 2012	See exporters list above	Report from CeDePesca to UNEP
		Four companies signed a Letter of Intention with a clear commitment in favor of legally caught lobster. FIP members are now limited to these four companies	May 2013	COMPEX COMPESCAL Santa Lavinia Loiola	Lol available on request
		Two more companies agreed to be part of the FIP	December 2013	BOMAR IPESCA	Lol available on request
		SINDFRIO and CeDePesca renewed the MoU	December 2014	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	MoU available on request
		Tequesta Bay becomes partner of the FIP	February 2015	Tequesta Bay CeDePesca	Confidential agreement Tequesta statement
		SINDFRIO and CeDePesca renewed the MoU	March 2015	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	MoU available on request
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		The FIP is presented at the APAS Trade Show that brings together Brazilian supermarket chains.	May 2016	Associação Pesca Sustentável de Icapuí: CeDePesca	APAS Picture 1
		The FIP is presented to ABRASEL, the Brazilian bars and restaurants' association, during the APAS Trade Show	May 2016	Associação Pesca Sustentável de Icapuí: CeDePesca	APAS Picture 2
		The FIP is presented at the FISPAL show that brings together Brazilian restaurants.	June 2016	Associação Pesca Sustentável de Icapuí: CeDePesca	FISPAL Picture 1 FISPAL Picture 2 PowerPoint presentation

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FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)	FIP members engaging regulators	Meeting with the Secretary of Fisheries Management at MPA (Flavio Bezerra) and collaborators was held in Brasilia to discuss the findings of the MSC pre-assessment and improvements needed	May 2012	CeDePesca UNEP	Report from CeDePesca to UNEP
		Meeting with the Secretary of Biodiversity at MMA (Roberto Cavalcanti) and collaborators was held in Brasilia to discuss the findings of MSC pre-assessment and improvements needed	May 2012	CeDePesca UNEP	Report from CeDePesca to UNEP
		Call between SINDFRIO and Ceará State Secretary of fisheries to get information about the status of the Monitoring Plan budget process	January 2013	SINDFRIO	Email exchanges
		Brazilian National Congress approved Federal budget, including lobster monitoring plan requested by the FIP	March 2013	Brazilian Congress	News papers and emails
		SINDFRIO participated at SCC and CGPL meetings and made some propositions aligned with the improvement plan though the meeting was suspended	April 2013	SINDFRIO	CONEPE newsletter
		SINDFRIO held conversations with MPA high level officials to commit them with the development of the FIP	February 2014	SINDFRIO	

		CeDePesca and SINDFRIO held a meeting with the Minister and the Secretary of Fisheries to coordinate actions to improve the performance of the fishery	March 2015	CeDePesca SINDFRIO MPA	Pictures
FIP is delivering improvements in policies or practices (Stage 4)	Fishery is achieving agreed improvement milestones	Brazilian lobster stocks assessment is being updated but results are not public yet	June 2013-September 2013	Rural Federal University of Pernambuco (UFRPE) IBAMA	Projeto AVALAGOS
		IBAMA got funds to improve monitoring and enforcement in Ceará.	June 2013	IBAMA	Press release of IBAMA
		Unfortunately, enforcement budget suffered cuts.	September 2013	Federal Government	Personal communication from IBAMA-CE
		The IBAMA-CE drafted terms of cooperation agreements with State municipalities and the Federal Institute of Ceará for Monitoring Project and worked on data collection at four municipalities of Ceará.	July 2013-September 2013	Federal Institute of Ceará (IFCE) IBAMA	Personal communication from IBAMA-CE
		Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture (MPA) signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Federal University of Ceará (UFC) to conduct a Lobster Monitoring Project driven by the Institute of Research (LABOMAR)	September 2013	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	Website MPA
		Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture send funds for the Lobster Monitoring Project to UFC.	November 2013	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	Official Gazette of the Union
		Funds will be returned to the MPA because the term to perform the credit commitment ended.	December 2013	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	Personal communication from University of Ceará
		Federal Government announced a Program to Combat Illegal Fishing in the country	December 2013	Federal Government	Newspapers

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		Federal Public Ministry and Ministry of Labor have required the MPA that annual licenses for lobster should be given only after inspections of vessels demonstrate to be using traps.	June 2014	Federal Public Ministry; Ministry of Labor	Newspapers
		The Federal Public Ministry and the Ministry of Labor held a public hearing, recommending that the MPA performs inspections of lobster vessels and publish the list of those enabled to exercise fishing activity.	July 2014	Federal Public Ministry; Ministry of Labor	Newspapers
		Publication of an addendum to the Term of Cooperation for decentralization of credit between the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Federal University of Ceará to the implementation of the project "Monitoring of Fishing for Lobster"	September 2014	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	Official Gazette of the Union
		IBAMA works on monitoring lobster fishing in the coast of Ceará and is collecting data..	July - September 2014	IBAMA-CE Federal Institute of Ceará (IFCE)	Personal communication from IBAMA-CE
		Fisheries practices or policies are changing	Bureau Veritas delivered its first report on how to build a traceability system for legally-caught lobster	June 2013	CeDePesca Bureau Veritas Fishing communities
		Bureau Veritas drafted and delivered a set of documents, including program specifications	September 2013	CeDePesca Bureau Veritas	Documents available on request by FIP partners only
		The first phase of the Traceability Program is completed.	November 2013	Bureau Veritas CeDePesca	

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		Site visit to evaluate advances	June 2014	Bureau Veritas	
		Annual data export per commercial size continues to be collected and digitalized in order to be used in a stock assessment.	April 2014 - September 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Database
		SINDFRIO approves publication of CeDePesca's preliminary analysis on stock status based on exports data	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Stock status report Database
		Provisional stock assessment ready and published	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Stock assessment report
		Traceability program ready to go. Adjustments will be done in April	March 2015	CeDePesca; Associação Pesca Sustentável; Bureau Veritas; Tequesta Bay Foods	Documents Available on request
		The traceability program started to work in several communities of Ceará	June 2015	CeDePesca Associação Pesca Sustentável	CeDePesca-Brazil news Newspaper O Povo (The People) Newspaper Diário do Nordeste (Northeast Journal)
		The Permanent Committee for Lobster Management (CPGL) met again after a year and agreed on two important measures: lobster must be delivered alive to processing plants as of 2017, and domestic trade of lobster during the closure season will be limited.	June 2015	CPGL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	CeDePesca news Undercurrent News
The CPGL ratified the measures and discussed adoption of others such as heavy punishment for violations, a quota system, catch certificates and mandatory landing points to be approved in a November meeting.	September 2015	CPGL SINDFRIO CeDePesca			

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		The second red lobster stock assessment conducted by CeDePesca with exports data provided by SINDFRIO has been published together with management recommendations.	December 2015	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Red Lobster Stock assessment report
		FIP Partners decide to continue to promote management fishery improvements despite political turmoil	March 2016	SINDFRIO; Tequesta Bay Foods; CeDePesca	Media coverage - Seafood Source Media coverage - Undercurrent News
		SINDFRIO provided exports data for the 2015 fishing season to update the stock assessment.	April-May 2016	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	