

Panama Mahi-mahi and Yellowfin Tuna FIP Progress Update

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

Results/ FIP Stage	Indicator of Success	Specific Details	Date Achieved	Entity in charge	Source
FIP is launched (Stage 1)	Sustainability evaluation is publicly available	Mahi-Mahi Gap Analysis	July 2013	CeDePesca	Gap analysis mahi-mahi
		Yellowfin tuna Analysis	September 2013	CeDePesca	Gap analysis tuna (Spanish)
		Sustainability report for mahi	January 2012	SFP	Mahi-mahi – Eastern Pacific
	Sustainability report for yellowfin tuna			Yellowfin tuna Eastern Pacific	
Fisheries improvement recommendations publicly available	Recommendations are available through the FIP Public Report	March 2013 - present	CeDePesca	Current improvement recommendations	
FIP is formed (Stage 2)	Suppliers are organized	CeDePesca continued to strengthen relationships with the industry, especially with Grupo Panalang Union Inc. artisanal fishers associations, and other stakeholders	2011 and 2012	Grupo Panalang Union; CeDePesca	
		Framework Collaboration Agreement signed between Grupo Panalang Union Inc. and CeDePesca	December 2011, and renewed each year	Grupo Panalang Union; CeDePesca	MoU
		Workshop held to disseminate other FIPs and certification process and to present the preliminary results of the gap analysis and workplan	February 2013	CeDePesca; Grupo Panalang Union	Media coverage - ANPanama Pictures
		Memorandum of Understanding signed between Bay Hill Seafood and CeDePesca	February 2016	Bay Hill Seafood CeDePesca	MoU - Confidential Media coverage - Undercurrent News

	Workplan with annual improvement milestones publicly available	Detailed workplan is available Updated workplan is available	September 2013 October 2015	CeDePesca CeDePesca	Detailed workplan Workplan Oct 2015-Oct 2016
FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)	FIP members are engaging regulators and other stakeholders	First national workshop about fisheries research gaps. This is a first step towards a research plan for this fishery.	April 2013	ARAP; UP; UMIP; STRI; PROMARINA; Panalang Union; CeDePesca	Conclusions available on request
		Longline fisheries commission formed.	September 2013	ARAP; UMIP; CONAPAS; MARPESCA; PESCA FINA; FUNAPESCA; STRI; independent fisheries researchers; Panalang Union; ARAP	Initial documents developed
		Longline commission stalled because of political conflicts	April 2014	ARAP; UMIP; CONAPAS; MARPESCA; PESCA FINA; FUNAPESCA; STRI; independent fisheries researchers; Panalang Union; ARAP	
		Regular meetings with ARAP and other industry representatives to encourage the adoption of a management plan.	January-July 2015	CeDePesca	
		Meetings with fishers, merchants and shipbuilders in Pedregal Port and Remedios Port to gain participation on the improvements	June 2015	CeDePesca	

		Fisheries Advisory Council meets in Chiriquí and has agreed to implement the fishing logbook and to take samples at the processing plant as of December 2015.	August 2015	ARAP; MINSA; AMP; UNACHI; fishers and merchants; CeDePesca	
		CeDePesca worked on a draft containing revised management measures applicable to the longline fisheries, together with representatives from the fishing sector. The draft has been presented to ARAP for further consideration.	January 2016	CeDePesca; Grupo Panalang Union; other fishery stakeholders	Confidential
		ARAP and CeDePesca signed a Framework Collaboration Agreement that formalizes their relationship and ARAP's intention of working towards sustainability of all Panamanian fisheries.	February 2016	CeDePesca ARAP	ARAP Press release Media coverage - La Estrella de Panamá
FIP is delivering improvement in policies or practices (Stage 4)	The fishery is improving practices	Training to skippers in data collection by the fishing logbook in some ports like Juan Díaz, Mensabe and Pedregal	January, February and April 2014	CeDePesca	Picture
		Digitalization of exports data provided by Panalang Union Group started	March 2014	Grupo Panalang Union; CeDePesca	Data base available on request under confidentiality commitment
		Two biologists were trained for the Onboard Observers Program	May 2014	University of Panama (CRUV); CeDePesca	
		Skippers started to provide filled logbooks	July 2014	CeDePesca	

One more captain was trained in collecting catch-effort data in Mensabe Port.	August 2014	CeDePesca	Picture 1
Digitalization of exports data corresponding to May, June and July.	September 2014	Grupo Panalang Union; CeDePesca	Data base available on request under confidentiality commitment
With support of this FIP, a Panama delegation (including a representative of ARAP) participated at the first International Scientific Workshop organized by IATTC in Manta, Ecuador. CeDePesca made a presentation of FIP results.	October 2014	CeDePesca; Grupo Panalang Union; ARAP	Presentation Media coverage - CeDePesca
Three more captains were trained in collecting catch and effort data at Pedregal Port.	January 2015	CeDePesca	
Two more captains were trained in collecting catch and effort data in Juan Diaz Port.	September 2015	CeDePesca	
With support of this FIP, ARAP and CeDePesca participated in the second IATTC's workshop on mahi, held in Lima, Peru. During the meeting, the Peruvian delegation showed their first stock assessment for mahi.	October 2015	CeDePesca; Grupo Panalang Union; ARAP	IATTC's second technical meeting webpage
ARAP and Panalang took charge of updating of the database related to the fishing logbook.	October 2015	ARAP; Grupo Panalang Union	
Two more observers were trained in data collection of catch, effort, size, target species and bycatch species.	December 2015	CeDePesca	

	A draft resolution to convene an Interim Committee for Longline is being discussed by ARAP and stakeholders	April 2016	ARAP Panalang CeDePesca Other fishery stakeholders	
	ARAP has convened meetings to discuss a draft Executive Decree for the mahi and yellowfin tuna longline fishery. Fishery stakeholders have been asked to participate, and the draft proposal includes suggestions made by the FIP.	April 2016	ARAP Panalang CeDePesca Other fishery stakeholders	
	The IATTC's third technical meeting is being organized. The meeting is being financially supported in part by this FIP.	April - October 2016	IATTC ARAP CeDePesca FIP Partners	
	CeDePesca continued to update the database with recent purchase data provided by Grupo Panalang Union, as well as the fishing logbook database.	July 2016	Grupo Panalang Union ARAP CeDePesca	Data base available on request under confidentiality agreement
	ARAP provided information on mahi-mahi landings in several ports in the Panamanian Pacific.	August 2016	ARAP CeDePesca	Data base available on request under confidentiality agreement
	The 3 rd IATTC's meeting on mahi mahi took place in Panama City from October 25 th to 27 th with financial support from this FIP.	October 2016	CeDePesca ARAP IATTC	IATTC's 3rd technical meeting webpage PanamaOn - Media Report (in Spanish)