

## Brazilian Lobster FIP Progress Update

March 2017 -- LAST TWELVE MONTH 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 completed by Bureau Veritas. Client: State of Ceará	February 2012	Ceará State CeDePesca	<a href="#">MSC Pre- Assessment</a>
		Sustainability information is available	June 2012	SFP	<a href="#">Caribbean spiny lobster – Northern South America</a>
	Fishery improvement recommendations are publicly available	FIP public report and workplan available	May 2012	CeDePesca	FIP Public report
			April 2013	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Updated Workplan for 2014</a>
			March 2016	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Workplan 2016</a>
	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;  <i>US importers:</i> Pescanova USA; Chicken of the Sea; Frozen Foods; FW Bryce; Meridian Products; Darik Enterprises; Pierce Seafood
July 2012				SINDFRIO	Email exchanges

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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	LoI available on request
		Two more companies agreed to be part of the FIP	December 2013	BOMAR IPESCA	LoI 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  <a href="#">Tequesta statement</a>
		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	<a href="#">APAS Picture 1</a>
		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	<a href="#">APAS Picture 2</a>
		The FIP is presented at the FISPAL show that brings together Brazilian restaurants.	June 2016	Associação Pesca Sustentável de Icapuí: CeDePesca	<a href="#">FISPAL Picture 1</a> <a href="#">FISPAL Picture 2</a>  <a href="#">PowerPoint presentation</a>

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		The FIP is presented to the Cear Kitchen Chefs Association	August 2016	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
		CeDePesca addresses ABIPESCA suggestion to reduce the closure period, and inviting them to join the FIP.	October 2016	CeDePesca	<a href="#">CeDePesca's letter to ABIPESCA</a>
		CeDePesca conducted the I Workshop on Sustainable Lobster with the Cear Kitchen Chefs Association.	December 2016	CeDePesca ACC	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">I Workshop Lobster Sustainable</a>
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 Cear 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	<a href="#">CONEPE newsletter</a>
		SINDFRIO held conversations with MPA high level officials to commit them with the development of the FIP	February 2014	SINDFRIO	

FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3) CONTINUED	FIP members engaging regulators  CONTINUED	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	<a href="#">Pictures</a>
		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	<a href="#">CeDePesca news</a>  <a href="#">Undercurrent News</a>
		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	
		Unfortunately, the Ministry of Fisheries has become a secretariat within the Ministry of Agriculture, setting back the implementation of measures adopted by the CPGL in June 2015.	October 2015		<a href="#">Media coverage - Canal Rural</a> (in Portuguese)
		Letter delivered to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food asking for the continuity of the work that was being developed by the Scientific Subcommittee and the Permanent Committee for Lobster Management (CGPL) in 2015 under the now defunct Ministry of Fisheries.	September 2016	CeDePesca	<a href="#">CeDePesca's letter to the Ministry of Agriculture</a>

FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)  CONTINUED	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	<a href="#">Projeto AVALAGOS</a>
		Bureau Veritas delivered its first report on how to build a traceability system for legally-caught lobster	June 2013	CeDePesca Bureau Veritas Fishing communities	Report available on request on request by FIP partners only
		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	
		Data per commercial size started to be collected from local exporters	March 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Database</a>
		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	<a href="#">Database</a>
		Site visit to evaluate advances in the Traceability Program	June 2014	Bureau Veritas CeDePesca	
		SINDFRIO approves publication of CeDePesca's preliminary analysis on stock status based on exports data	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Stock status report</a>  <a href="#">Database</a>
		Provisional stock assessment ready and published	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Stock assessment report</a>
		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
Fishery is achieving	The traceability program started to work in several communities of Ceará	June 2015	CeDePesca Associação Pesca Sustentável	<a href="#">CeDePesca-Brazil news</a>  <a href="#">Newspaper O Povo (The People)</a>  <a href="#">Newspaper Diário do Nordeste (Northeast Journal)</a>	

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		FIP Partners decide to continue to promote management fishery improvements despite political turmoil	March 2016	SINDFRIO; Tequesta Bay Foods; CeDePesca	<a href="#">Media coverage - Seafood Source</a>  <a href="#">Media coverage - Undercurrent News</a>
		SINDFRIO provided exports data for the 2015 fishing season and CeDePesca updates the stock assessment.	April-May 2016	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	<a href="#">Third stock assessment report (in Portuguese)</a>
		CeDePesca completes the fourth update of its stock assessment for Brazilian lobster, with exports data provided by SINDFRIO. The last draft is under revision by the FIP's Consultive Scientific Committee.	February 2017	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	<a href="#">Fourth stock assessment report (in Portuguese)</a>
FIP is delivering improvements in policies or practices (Stage 4)	Fisheries practices or policies are changing	IBAMA got funds to improve monitoring and enforcement in Ceará.	June 2013	IBAMA	<a href="#">Press release of IBAMA</a>
		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	<a href="#">Website MPA</a>
		Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture send funds for the Lobster Monitoring Project to UFC.	November 2013	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	<a href="#">Official Gazette of the Union</a>

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		Federal Government announced a Program to Combat Illegal Fishing	December 2013	Federal Government	<a href="#">Newspapers</a>
		Federal Public Ministry and Ministry of Labor required that annual permits for lobster should be given only after inspections of vessels demonstrate traps use.	June 2014	Federal Public Ministry; Ministry of Labor	Newspapers
		The Federal Public Ministry and the Ministry of Labor recommend 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	<a href="#">Newspapers</a>
		Publication of an addendum to the terms credit decentralization between the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the Federal University of Ceará to implement the project "Lobster Monitoring"	September 2014	Ministry of Fisheries University of Ceará	<a href="#">Official Gazette of the Union</a>
		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
		Provisional stock assessment ready and published	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	<a href="#">Stock assessment report</a>
		The traceability program started to work in several communities of Ceará	June 2015	CeDePesca Associação Pesca Sustentável	<a href="#">CeDePesca-Brazil news</a>  <a href="#">Newspaper O Povo (The People)</a>  <a href="#">Newspaper Diário do Nordeste (Northeast Journal)</a>
		The Permanent Committee for Lobster Management agreed that lobsters must be delivered alive to processing plants as of 2017, and domestic trade during the closure season will be limited.	June 2015	CPGL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	<a href="#">CeDePesca news</a>  <a href="#">Undercurrent News</a>

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		The Brazilian federal government announced that the Secretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture will be moved from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAPA) to the Ministry of Industry, Development and Commerce (MDIC).	March 2017		<a href="#">Media coverage- Canal rural</a>  <a href="#">Official Gazette of the Union</a>