

Brazilian Lobster FIP Progress Update

January 2018 -- ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS 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 assessment is publicly available	MSC pre-assessment completed by Bureau Veritas. Client: State of Ceará	February 2012	Ceará State CeDePesca	MSC Pre- Assessment
		Sustainability information is publicly available for the first time	June 2012	SFP	Caribbean spiny lobster – Northern South America
	Fishery improvement recommendations are publicly available	The first FIP public report is published with improvement recommendations	May 2012	CeDePesca	FIP Public report
FIP is formed (Stage 2)	Stakeholders 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	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
		Brazilian exporters agreed that they will become affiliated with SINDFRIO (industry association) and would sign a formal agreement with CeDePesca	July 2012	SINDFRIO	Email exchanges
		Agreement signed between processors/exporters association SINDFRIO and CeDePesca	February 2013	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	MoU

FIP is formed (Stage 2) CONTINUED	Stakeholders are organized	Meeting in Boston Seafood Show with 7 Brazilian exporters and 11 US importers and buyers to discuss pre-assessment conclusions and workplan	March 2012	SINDFRIO US importers CeDePesca	
	CONTINUED	Meeting with Brazilian exporters in Fortaleza to discuss the findings of the MSC pre-assessment; the characteristics of the FIP were explained in detail	May 2012	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Report from CeDePesca to UNEP
		Four companies signed a Letter of Intention with a clear commitment in favor of legally caught lobster. FIP members have been 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 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
		CeDePesca becomes founder member of the Brazilian Alliance for Sustainable Seafood	June 2016	CeDePesca	Seminar Agenda
		The FIP is presented to the Ceará Kitchen Chefs Association	August 2016	CeDePesca	Picture 1 Picture 2
		CeDePesca addresses ABIPESCA suggestion to reduce the closure period, and invites it to join the FIP	October 2016	CeDePesca	CeDePesca's letter to ABIPESCA
	CeDePesca conducted the I Workshop on Sustainable Lobster with the Ceará Kitchen Chefs Association.	December 2016	CeDePesca ACC	Picture 1 I Workshop – Sustainable Lobster	

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FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)	Workplans with annual improvement milestones are publicly available	Annual workplans approved by FIP partners	April 2013	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Workplan 2014	
			March 2016	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Workplan 2016-2017	
			June 2017	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Workplan 2017-2018	
	FIP is achieving agreed annual improvement milestones	Brazilian lobster stocks assessment is being updated by IBAMA but results are not public yet	June 2013-September 2013	Rural Federal University of Pernambuco (UFRPE) IBAMA	Projeto AVALAGOS	
			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	Database
			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
			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	Database
			First provisional stock assessment completed and publicly available	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)		

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	CONTINUED	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 and CeDePesca updates the stock assessment for a third consecutive year.	April 2016	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Third stock assessment report (in Portuguese)
		CeDePesca completes the fourth update of its stock assessment with exports data provided by SINDFRIO.	February 2017	SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Fourth stock assessment report (in Portuguese)
		CeDePesca is invited to a meeting of the Management Committee	May 2017	MAPA CeDePesca	MAPA – Invitation to the CGPL meeting
		CeDePesca is invited to a meeting of the Scientific Subcommittee	August 2017	MDIC CeDePesca	MDIC – Invitation to the SCC meeting
		The Secretariat of Agriculture, Fishing and Aquaculture of the state of Ceará (SEAPA) has decided to implement a project aimed at improving the live lobster supply chain in Ceará and its traceability with cooperation from FIP partners	October 2017	SEAPA SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Collaboration Agreement (in Portuguese)
		CeDePesca is invited to a meeting of the Management Committee	November 2017	MDIC CeDePesca	MDIC – Invitation to the CGPL meeting
		FIP partners are engaging regulators	Meeting with the Secretary of Fisheries Management at MPA and collaborators was held in Brasilia to discuss the findings of the MSC pre-assessment and improvements needed	May 2012	CeDePesca UNEP MPA
	Meeting with the Secretary of Biodiversity at MMA and collaborators was held in Brasilia to discuss the findings of MSC pre-assessment and improvements needed		May 2012	CeDePesca UNEP MMA	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		January 2013	SINDFRIO Secretariat of Fisheries of the state of Ceará	Email exchanges

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	CONTINUED	SINDFRIO participated at SCC and CGPL meetings and made some propositions aligned with the improvement plan though the meeting was suspended	April 2013	SINDFRIO SCC CGPL	CONEPE newsletter
		SINDFRIO held conversations with MPA high level officials to commit them with the development of the FIP	February 2014	SINDFRIO MPA	
		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
		The Permanent Committee for Lobster Management (CGPL) met after a year and agreed on two 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	CGPL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	CeDePesca news Undercurrent News
		The CGPL 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	CGPL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	
		Unfortunately, the Ministry of Fisheries has become a secretariat within the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food setting back the implementation of measures adopted by the CGPL in June 2015.	October 2015	MPA MAPA	Media coverage - Canal Rural (in Portuguese)
		Letter delivered to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAPA) 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 MAPA	CeDePesca's letter to the Ministry of Agriculture
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		The Secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries reconvened the Permanent Committee for Lobster Management (CGPL) and FIP partners were invited to participate	May 2017	SINDFRIO CeDePesca CGPL	
		CeDePesca has requested to be accepted as a member of the CGPL.	May 2017	CeDePesca CGPL	CeDePesca's letter to MAPA
		The government of the State of Ceará has indicated its interest in determining the viability of replicating the Traceability Program implemented as part of this FIP	May 2017	SEAPA SINFRIO CeDePesca	
		The Secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries has reconvened the Scientific Subcommittee and FIP partners were invited to participate	August 2017	SCC SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Meeting report (in Portuguese)
		CeDePesca and IBAMA-CE are discussing the possibility that CeDePesca collaborates in the digitalization of fishing data	August 2017 - to date	IBAMA-CE CeDePesca	
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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. Unfortunately, enforcement budget suffered cuts.	June 2013 - September 2013	IBAMA Federal Government	Press release of IBAMA Personal communication from IBAMA-CE

FIP is delivering improvements in policies or practices (Stage 4) CONTINUED	Fisheries practices or policies are changing CONTINUED	The IBAMA-CE drafted terms of cooperation agreements with State municipalities and the Federal Institute of Ceará to implement the 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
		The Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture (MPA) signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Federal University of Ceará (UFC) to conduct a Lobster Monitoring Project to be driven by LABOMAR	September 2013	MPA UFC	Website MPA
		Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture (MPA) send funds for the Lobster Monitoring Project to UFC.	November 2013	MPA UFC	Official Gazette of the Union
		Funds will be returned to the MPA because the term to perform the credit commitment ended.	December 2013	MPA UFC	Personal communication from University of Ceará
		Federal Government announced a Program to Combat Illegal Fishing	December 2013	Federal Government	Newspapers
		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	Newspapers
		Publication of an addendum to the credit terms between the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the UFC to implement the project "Lobster Monitoring"	September 2014	MPA UFC	Official Gazette of the Union
		IBAMA monitors 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
		Frist provisional stock assessment completed and publicly available	October 2014	CeDePesca SINDFRIO	Stock assessment report
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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	MAPA MDIC	Media coverage - Canal rural Official Gazette of the Union
		The CGPL was reconvened. New members are up-to-date on previous advances made in 2015 and it was agreed that discussions will be resumed. The next meeting should take place in August.	May 2017	CGPL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	

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		The Brazilian government has decided to transfer the Secretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture from the Ministry of Commerce to the office of the Presidency of the Republic.	November 2017	Government of Brazil	Official Gazette of the Union Media coverage- Canal rural
		The Permanent Committee for Lobster Management has met and approved three important measures to be implemented from 2019: the adoption of a quota system, the prohibition of the marketing of lobster in the domestic market during the last 4 months of fishing closure each year, and lobster must be delivered alive to processing plants. In addition, monitoring will resume in 2018.	December 2017	CGPL SINDFRIO CeDePesca	Meeting report (in Portuguese)