

## Panamanian Small Pelagics FIP Progress Update

April 2018 – LAST TWELVE MONTHS ACTIVITIES APPEAR IN BLUE THROUGHOUT THE TABLE

Results/ FIP Stage	Indicator of Success	Specific Details	Date Achieved	Entities in charge	Source
<b>FIP is launched (Stage 1)</b>	Sustainability assessment is publicly available	Sustainability report	January 2009	FishSource (SFP)	<a href="#">Pacific anchoveta</a> <a href="#">Pacific thread herring</a> <a href="#">Pacific bumper</a>
		Fishery technical reports available at CeDePesca's website	October 2010	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Fishery Profile (in Spanish)</a>  <a href="#">Fishery obstacles to sustainability (in Spanish)</a>
		Gap analysis was conducted by CeDePesca, delivered to PROMARINA and is publicly available	July 2013	CeDePesca PROMARINA	<a href="#">Gap Analysis</a>
	Fisheries improvement recommendations publicly available	The first FIP public report is published with improvement recommendations	January 2011	CeDePesca	FIP Public Report
<b>FIP is formed (Stage 2)</b>	Stakeholders are organized	CeDePesca continuously strengthened relationships with the industry, especially with the Panamanian Seafood Exports Association (APEXMAR), artisanal fishermen associations, and other stakeholders	2010 - 2012	CeDePesca	
		CeDePesca held several meetings with PROMARINA as a response to a request from the company to discuss an effort limitation rule being drafted at the fisheries agency, and ways to address demands from companies like Cargill regarding scores in FishSource	Throughout 2010	CeDePesca PROMARINA	
		Meetings with other fishery stakeholders such as Conservation International, Mar Viva, WWF, and researchers from the University of Panama	2010 - 2012	CeDePesca	
		Framework Collaboration Agreement and Specific Agreement #1 signed between CeDePesca and PROMARINA	February 2012	PROMARINA CeDePesca	<a href="#">MOU</a>
		Framework Collaboration Agreement signed between the University of Panama and CeDePesca	July 2013	University of Panama CeDePesca	

<b>FIP is formed (Stage 2)</b>  <b>(CONTINUED)</b>	Stakeholders are organized  (CONTINUED)	Specific Agreement #2 signed for the continued implementation of the FIP workplan	August 2013	PROMARINA CeDePesca	
		Panamanian General Audit Office approves MOU between CeDePesca and the University of Panama	October 2013	Panamanian General Audit Office	<a href="#">Framework Collaboration Agreement</a>
		Specific Agreement #3 signed in order to conduct the first stock assessment for the fishery and to improve the observers program	February 2015	PROMARINA CeDePesca	
		Specific Agreement #4 editing a clause in Specific Agreement #3	May 2015	PROMARINA CeDePesca	
		Specific Agreement #5 signed in order to conduct a second stock assessment for the fishery and to give continuance to the observers program in 2016 and 2017.	March 2016	PROMARINA CeDePesca	
		Promarina and CeDePesca have welcomed Procesadora Bayano to the FIP.	April 2017	PROMARINA PROBASA CeDePesca	<a href="#">Addendum to the Framework Collaboration Agreement (in Spanish)</a>
<b>FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)</b>	Workplans with annual improvement milestones are publicly available	Workplans approved by FIP partners	March 2013	CeDePesca PROMARINA	<a href="#">Initial workplan</a>
			January 2016	CeDePesca PROMARINA	<a href="#">Workplan 2016</a>
			April 2017	CeDePesca PROMARINA PROBASA	<a href="#">Workplan 2017-2018 (in Spanish)</a>
	FIP is achieving agreed annual improvement milestones	A catch and effort database for the period 1996/2012 is available.	November 2012	PROMARINA ARAP CeDePesca	Database available at stakeholders' request.
		A preliminary stock assessment was presented to PROMARINA	April 2013	CeDePesca	PPT available at request.
		First national workshop on fisheries research identified key research needs.	April 2013	ARAP, UP, UMIP, STRI, PROMARINA, Panalang, CeDePesca, CONAPAS	Workshop report available on request
		Onboard Observers Program up and running	May 2013	PROMARINA CeDePesca	<a href="#">Undercurrent News</a>
		Onboard Observer Program database updated and reviewed.	October-December 2013	CeDePesca	Data base available to stakeholders on request
		ERAEF Workshop ERAEF at the University of Panama. Thrity-six stakeholders participated.	January-February 2014	University of Panama PROMARINA CeDePesca	

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<p>FIP is achieving agreed annual improvement milestones</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>	CeDePesca trained a new observer.	March 2014	CeDePesca	
	Meetings pre season between observers, skippers and CeDePesca	April 2014	CeDePesca PROMARINA	
	The onboard observers database is updated	Jun 2014	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	The catch-effort database and the biological database are updated	August 2014	CeDePesca PROMARINA	Database available to stakeholders on request
	A student of the Panama Maritime University began his professional practice as onboard observer	September 2014	PROMARINA UMIP CeDePesca	
	Catch and effort database and bycatch database are updated	December 2014	CeDePesca PROMARINA	Database available to stakeholders on request
	The biological database was updated.	January 2015	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	First formal stock assessment and recommendations for a management delivered.	March 2015	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	<a href="#">Stock assessment and recommendations</a>
	The data collection methodology for the Onboard Observers Program is improved	June 2015	CeDePesca	
	A draft management plan has been put together	September 2015	PROMARINA CeDePesca	Available on request
	Catch and effort database is updated	November 2015	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	Biological and bycatch databases are updated	December 2015	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	Second formal stock assessment is completed in March, and is available to the public as of July 2016	March 2016	CeDePesca PROMARINA	<a href="#">Stock assessment (in Spanish)</a> <a href="#">Stock assessment (in English)</a>
	As a direct result from this FIP, the Government of Panama updates the fishery's regulations.	March 2016	ARAP	<a href="#">Executive Decree N° 107-2016</a>
	Catch and effort database is updated	August 2016	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	Biological and bycatch databases are updated	September 2016	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
	Catch and effort database and biological database are updated	December 2016	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request

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FIP is achieving agreed annual improvement milestones	CONTINUED	A report on bycatch according to the data from the Onboard Observers Program has been prepared.	January 2017	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Bycatch Report</a> (in Spanish)
		An hydroacoustic survey in the Gulf of Panama was conducted by FIP partners	February 2017	PROMARINA CeDePesca	
		A third biologist has been trained as onboard observer for the Program	May 2017	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture</a>
		Catch and effort database, biological database and bycatch database updated	June 2017	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
		An onboard observer was trained for the PROBASA fleet	July 2017	CeDePesca	
		The Onboard Observers Program database was shared with ARAP	August 2017	PROMARINA CeDePesca ARAP	
		The catch and effort database and the size structure database were updated	November 2017	CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
		ARAP requested to participate from the drafting process of the FIP Action Plan for 2018	December 2017	ARAP CeDePesca	
		The catch and effort database, the size structure database and the database on bycatch of sharks and turtles were updated.	January 2018	ARAP CeDePesca	Database available to stakeholders on request
		A hydroacoustic prospecting of small pelagic species was carried out in the Gulf of Panama conducted by FIP partners.	March 2018	PROMARINA PROBASA ARAP CeDePesca	Report to be provided shortly
FIP members are engaging regulators		Discussions held between PROMARINA and ARAP, and between CeDePesca and University of Panama in order to reinforce the FIP	February 2012	PROMARINA CeDePesca UP ARAP	<a href="#">U. of Panama activities Pages 238 239</a>
		A joint research project was submitted to SENACYT, aiming at securing funds for monitoring and stock assessment purposes. However, the project was not selected by SENACYT, citing funding availability	May 2012	PROMARINA, CeDePesca, UP (Limnology Center), ARAP	Email SENACYT FID 2012
		The first formal stock assessment is conducted by CeDePesca and recommendations for a management plan were delivered to ARAP and PROMARINA	March 2015	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	<a href="#">Stock assessment and recommendations</a>

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<b>encouraging improvements (Stage 3)</b>  <b>CONTINUED</b>	FIP members are engaging regulators  CONTINUED	Draft management plan presented to ARAP	September 2015	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	Available on request
		Second stock assessment conducted by CeDePesca and recommendations for a management plan were improved and presented to ARAP and PROMARINA	March 2016	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	<a href="#">Stock assessment (in Spanish)</a>  <a href="#">Stock assessment (in English)</a>
		Updated proposal for a management plan is presented to ARAP	July 2016	PROMARINA CeDePesca ARAP	Available on request
		ARAP provided comments to the FIP's proposal for a management plan	June 2017	ARAP	Confidential
		Changes to the management plan proposal were discussed with authorities	August 2017	PROMARINA PROBASA CeDePesca ARAP	Confidential
<b>FIP is delivering improvement in policies or practices (Stage 4)</b>	Fishery practices changed	A catch and effort database for the period 1996/2012 is available.	November 2012	PROMARINA ARAP CeDePesca	Database available at stakeholders' request.
		ARAP agreed to restart monitoring activities when the 2013 season opens in April. PROMARINA skippers are being trained on a new logbook and basic sampling protocols.	March-April 2013	ARAP PROMARINA CeDePesca	Logbook template available on request
		First national workshop on fisheries research identified key research needs.	April 2013	ARAP, UP, UMIP, STRI, PROMARINA, Panalang, CeDePesca, CONAPAS	Workshop report available on request
		Onboard Observer Program is successfully collecting data	May 2013 to date	PROMARINA CeDePesca	<a href="#">Undercurrent News</a>
		First formal stock assessment was performed and recommendations for a management plan were delivered.	March 2015	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	<a href="#">Stock assessment and recommendations</a>
		PROMARINA commits itself to the adoption of the management plan as self-regulating practice	May 2015	PROMARINA and CeDePesca	<a href="#">LoC</a>
		Second formal stock assessment is completed, and its outcomes are presented to stakeholders and recommendations are presented to regulators.	March 2016	CeDePesca PROMARINA ARAP	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
		Second stock assessment available to the public	July 2016	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Stock assessment</a>

<b>FIP is delivering improvement in policies or practices (Stage 4)</b>		An hydroacoustic survey in the Gulf of Panama was conducted by Albor Tecnológico, hired by PROMARINA. The survey was conducted with collaboration from FIP partners.	February 2017	PROMARINA CeDePesca Albor Tecnológico	<a href="#">Hydroacoustic survey Report</a> (in Spanish)
		A hydroacoustic prospecting of small pelagic species was carried out in the Gulf of Panama conducted by Albor Tecnológico, hired by PROMARINA and PROBASA. The survey was conducted with collaboration from FIP partners.	March 2018	PROMARINA PROBASA ALBOR TECNOLÓGICO ARAP CeDePesca	Report to be provided shortly
	Fishery policies changed	The Government of Panama issues Decree N° 107 on March 29 <sup>th</sup> , effectively updating measures that were first set in 1977. This is a huge step forward for the fishery's sustainability and is considered an important FIP milestone.	March 2016	ARAP	<a href="#">Executive Decree N°107-2016</a>