

## Mexico (Yucatan) Red and Black Grouper FIP Progress Update

April 2019 – CURRENT YEAR 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>	<b>Sustainability evaluation is publicly available</b>	MSC pre-assessment conducted by Intertekt	June 2014	Sea Delight, Atlántida del Sur, CeDePesca	<a href="#">MSC Pre-assessment</a>
		FishSource profile for Red grouper and for Black grouper	September 2014	CeDePesca FishSource	<a href="#">Red grouper</a> <a href="#">Black grouper</a>
	<b>Fisheries improvement recommendations publicly available</b>	Technical report	June 2014	CeDePesca	Current improvement recommendations
<b>FIP is formed (Stage 2)</b>	<b>FIP partners are organized</b>	Framework collaboration agreement signed, starting the FIP	January 2014	Sea Delight, Atlántida del Sur, CeDePesca	<a href="#">FIP Framework Collaboration Agreement</a>
		Collaboration agreement signed to formalize the participation of the Regional Federation of Cooperatives from Centro-Poniente (FED-PTE)	April 2015	Federación Regional de Cooperativas del Centro-Poniente del estado de Yucatán, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Framework Agreement with Fed Pte</a>
		Updated Framework collaboration agreement signed to include Handy International	February 2016	FIP partners Handy International, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Updated FIP Framework Agreement</a>
		Addendum to the Framework collaboration agreement to include Chefs Trading	March 2016	FIP partners Chefs Trading, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Addendum N1</a>
		Addendum to the Framework collaboration agreement to include PESMAR	March 2016	FIP partners, PESMAR, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Addendum N2</a>
		Addendum to the Framework collaboration agreement to include Quirch Foods	April 2016	FIP partners, Quirch Foods, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Addendum N3</a>
		Specific Agreement signed to formalize the participation of the fishers association La Pobre de Dios	July 2016	La Pobre de Dios CeDePesca	<a href="#">Specific Agreement N1 with La Pobre de Dios</a>
		Specific Agreement signed to formalize the participation of the fishers Federation Regional de Sociedades Cooperativas Pesqueras, Turísticas, Acuícolas y Artesanales del Estado de Yucatán	March 2017	Federación Regional CeDePesca	<a href="#">Specific Agreement N1 with Federación Regional</a>
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<b>CONTINUED</b>	<b>CONTINUED</b>	Addendum to the Framework collaboration agreement to include Netuno USA, Comercial Oceanica and Orca Seafoods	April 2017	FIP Partners Netuno USA Comercial Oceánica Orca Seafood	Updated as Addendum Nr 7 to the Framework agreement
		Specific Agreement signed to formalize the participation of Combamar	August 2017	Combamar CeDePesca	Updated as Addendum Nr 7 to the Framework agreement
		Addendum to the Framework collaboration agreement to include Queen Seafood, Netuno, USA inc, Orca Seafoods, S.A. de C.V., Combamar, S.A. de C.V., Morales Fishco.	August 2018	Sea Delight, Handy International, Pesmar, Atlantida del Sur, Quirch Foods, Co, Chefs Trading Co, Queen Seafood, Netuno, Orca Seafoods, S.A. de C.V.; Combamar, S.A. de C.V., Morales Fishco	<a href="#">Addendum Nr7 to the Framework agreement</a>
<b>FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)</b>	<b>Workplan with annual improvement milestones publicly available</b>	Detailed workplan is available	June 2014	CeDePesca FIP Partners	<a href="#">Workplan 2014-2015</a>
			October 2015	CeDePesca FIP Partners	<a href="#">Workplan 2015-2016</a>
			January 2016	CeDePesca FIP Partners	<a href="#">Basic workplan 2015-2016</a>
			April 2016	CeDePesca FIP Partners	<a href="#">Updated Workplan 2015-2016</a>
			April 2017-2020	CeDePesca FIP Partners	<a href="#">Updated Workplan 2017-Feb 2020</a>
	<b>Fishery is achieving agreed annual improvement milestones</b>	Launching of a Management Proposal in agreement with other FIP members	October 2014	CeDePesca FIP partners	<a href="#">CeDePesca - Media report</a> <a href="#">CeDePesca - Management Proposal</a>
			May-September 2014	CeDePesca, local fisheries federations, CESPM	Confidential document delivered to the government
			September 2014	CeDePesca, Sea Delight, Fishermen from Dzilam de Bravo and Telchac	<a href="#">Picture</a>
			February -March 2015	CeDePesca, 186 fishers from 5 coastal communities.	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
			October-December 2015	CeDePesca, local leaders	

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		Workshops for the fishermen of Chabihau Port	April 2016	Fishers from Chabihau Port CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture</a>
		Data collection activities promoted by the FIP have started in Sisal and Chicxulub Port with the participation of fishers.	May 2016	Chicxulub fishers CeDePesca	
		Presentation of the FIP and the grouper fishery situation to skippers at the Sea Fest Fish Tournament	July 2016	Sport fishers from Yucatán, CeDePesca	<a href="#">HolaYucatan - Media report</a>
		CeDePesca's workshop "Grouper Fisheries at Yucatan: Obstacles and the search for solutions"	December, 2016	Fisher leaders CeDePesca	<a href="#">CeDePesca -Workshop report</a>  <a href="#">MilenioNovedades-Media report</a>  <a href="#">Picture</a>
		Meetings to present the "Committee of Sustainable Management of the Grouper Fishery" to be implemented by CONAPESCA	January-March 2017	Fisher leaders CeDePesca	<a href="#">Meeting document (February)</a>  <a href="#">Picture</a>
		Special presentation to UNAM students of the career "Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones"	April 2017	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture</a>
		Educational workshops "Fish for the Future"	June 2017	CeDePesca UMDI-SISAL UNAM	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a> <a href="#">Picture 3</a> <a href="#">Picture 4</a>
		Data collection activities promoted by the FIP are taking place in Progreso and Chicxulub Port	June 2017-	FIP Partners CeDePesca	
		Presentation of the FIP, and presentation of the "Committee of Sustainable Management of the Grouper Fishery" to be implemented by CONAPESCA	July 2017	Fisher leaders CeDePesca	<a href="#">Meeting document (in Spanish)</a>  <a href="#">Picture 1</a>
Data collection activities promoted by the FIP	June 2017- Up to date	FIP Partners CeDePesca			

<b>FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)</b>  <b>CONTINUED</b>		Presentation of the Initiative: I take care for grouper... (“Yo cuido al Mero...)	December 2018	Conapesca SEPASY Fisher leaders FIP Partners Local restaurant leaders	<a href="#">Press Conference   take care of grouper</a>  <a href="#">Summary and pics</a>
		Collaboration in COMEPESCA, promoting the entrance of 9 new local chefs as Ammbassadors of #Pesca con future Initiative	December 2018	Comepesca CeDePesca	<a href="#">Meeting with chefs Collaboration commitment letters</a>
		Collaboration as part of the Editorial Committee and Board meetings in #Pesca con future Initiative	December 2018 – April 2019	Comepesca CeDePesca	<a href="#">Comepesca meeting, Editorial Committee</a>
		Educational workshops to students from 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade elementary school at Celestun	November 2018	CeDePesca Collaboration with Marcela García	<a href="#">Students workshops Fish for the Future</a>
		Workshops in order to improve our work through incidence in public policies	October-November 2018	Local Fishermen Leaders Causa Natura CeDePesca	<a href="#">Report</a>
		Collaboration to develop and present the sustainability videos of grouper, swimming crab and octopus	August-2018 & January 2019	Comepesca FIP partners Local and federal Authorities CeDePesca	<a href="#">Videos</a>
		Fishermen workshop at Telchac Puerto	March 2019	CeDePesca Local Fishermen	<a href="#">Spreading the message workshop report</a>
<b>FIP partners are engaging regulators</b>    <b>FIP partners are engaging regulators</b>   <b>CONTINUED</b>		Several meetings took place with stakeholders to discuss possible control strategies	May-June 2014	Comité Estatal del Sistema Producto Mero Yucatán CeDePesca	<a href="#">El Financiero - Media report</a>
		Participation in several initiatives together with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in order to develop a proposal to improve the fishery	July-August 2014	Comité Estatal del Sistema Producto Mero Yucatán, Atlántida del Sur, CONMECOOP, FED-PTE, CONAPESCA, CRIP, SEDER, CeDePesca	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin - 14 Aug 2014</a>
		Participation in a meeting with fishing cooperative CONMECOOP to analyze and develop proposals to improve governance	July 2014	SAGARPA CONMECOOP, CeDePesca, among others.	<a href="#">SAGARPA - Press release</a>
		Participation in the “International Technical Meeting to analyze the grouper fishery”	December 2014	CONAPESCA, INAPESCA, Scientists, CeDePesca	<a href="#">TallaPolitica - Media report</a>  <a href="#">Picture</a>

<p><b>FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)</b></p> <p><b>CONTINUED</b></p>		<p>Participation in the Presentation of the Management Plan</p>	<p>March 2015</p>	<p>Fishermen Leaders in Progreso and Río Lagartos, CONAPESCA, CRIP Yucalpeten, CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p> <p><a href="#">SAGARPA - Press release</a></p>
		<p>Participation in State Fishery Council meetings that restarted after two years of inactivity.</p>	<p>June 2015</p>	<p>State Fishery Council CONAPESCA, CRIP Yucalpeten (INAPESCA), Local Authorities, CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>Analyzing implications of Good Manufacturing Practices and how to control hygiene and appropriate register in fisheries</p>	<p>July 2015</p>	<p>COFEPRIS, SENASICA, CONAPESCA, CeDePesca local exporters and leaders</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>Participation in the discussions analyzing proposals that will be part of the Workshop regarding the General Plan for Fishing and Aquaculture</p>	<p>July-August 2015</p>	<p>CeDePesca, local scientists.</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>Workshop - Guiding Plan for Fishing and Aquaculture</p>	<p>September 2015</p>	<p>FAO, Local leaders and scientists, Seafood industry representatives, CONAPESCA, INAPESCA, Local Authorities, CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>Meeting with Mr. Pablo Arenas Fuentes, General Director of INAPESCA, local leaders of Yucatan's coastal communities</p>	<p>September 2015</p>	<p>INAPESCA, Crip-Yucalpeten, CONAPESCA, Local leaders CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture 1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Picture 2</a></p>
		<p>Discussions on how to protect grouper spawning areas in the Alacranes reef, in the context of the reef's Protection Plan</p>	<p>September -October 2015</p>	<p>Local leaders with fishing permits in Alacranes Reef, CONAPESCA, CRIP Yucalpeten (INAPESCA), CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>Participation in the draft of the document "Diagnosis and Guiding Plan for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Yucatan" coordinated by FAO</p>	<p>March 2016</p>	<p>FAO, CINVESTAV, CeDePesca, local experts</p>	<p>In Spanish: <a href="#">Executive Summary</a> <a href="#">Diagnosis</a> <a href="#">Guiding Plan</a> <a href="#">SAGARPA - Press release</a> (no longer available)</p>
	<p><b>FIP partners are engaging regulators</b></p> <p><b>CONTINUED</b></p>				

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		<p>Participation in the “Workshop for the Follow-up of the First Forum for Strengthening Participation in Fisheries Public Policy” (Barco Abierto) at the Mexican Senate</p>	<p>October 2016</p>	<p>Senators, Causa Natura, Cobi, INAPESCA, CONAPESCA, CeDePesca, among others.</p>	<p><a href="#">Barco Abierto - Press release</a></p> <p><a href="#">MexicanSenate and Barco Abierto- Meeting report</a></p> <p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>The FIP was presented at the “Workshop on Sustainability and Fisheries Certification” at the Mexican Senate</p>	<p>October 2016</p>	<p>Senators, Causa Natura, Cobi, INAPESCA, CONAPESCA, CeDePesca, among others</p>	<p><a href="#">Mexican Senate – Press release</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mexican Senate -Exec. Summary</a></p> <p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>
		<p>CeDePesca’s proposal presented to Senators Ernesto Ruffo Appel and Diva Gastelum</p>	<p>November 2016</p>	<p>Senators from the Fisheries Commission CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">CeDePesca’s proposal</a></p>
		<p>Participation in the Symposium “México as part of the International Fisheries Activities” at the Mexican Senate</p>	<p>November 2016</p>	<p>Senators from the Fisheries Commission, FAO, INAPESCA, CONAPESCA, CeDePesca among others.</p>	<p><a href="#">Mexican Senate – press release</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mexican Senate - Report</a></p>
		<p>Fisheries Sustainability Meeting, conducted as a sideline event to the COP13</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<p>Fisheries stakeholders</p>	<p><a href="#">CONAPESCA – press release</a></p>
		<p>Letter sent to CRIP-Yucaltepén informing them on the measures taken by the State of Florida (USA) in regards to minimum import sizes and requesting participation in the Grouper Management Committee</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<p>CRIP-Yucaltepén CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">CeDePesca - Letter</a></p>
		<p>Participation on the VII Meeting of Alternatives of Fishing Management organized by EDF. Poster presentation.</p>	<p>January 2017</p>	<p>EDF Fishing authorities CeDePesca</p>	<p><a href="#">Picture</a></p>

		FIP partners had the opportunity to discuss FIP advances with the National Fisheries Commissioner from CONAPESCA	March 2017	FIP Partners CONAPESCA CeDePesca	<a href="#">Presentation</a> (in English)  <a href="#">Picture 1</a>  <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
		Participation in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> work sessions to elaborate law changes for Strengthening Participation in Fisheries Public Policy” (Barco Abierto) at the Mexican Senate	April - June 2017	Senators, Causa Natura, Cobi, INAPESCA, CONAPESCA, CeDePesca, among others.	<a href="#">Picture 1</a>  <a href="#">Picture 2</a>  <a href="#">Link to Barco Abierto</a>
		Participation in the “Regional Consultation Forum with Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors of the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico toward Sustainable Fisheries” in Cancun	June 2017	CONAPESCA, INAPESCA Fisheries Commission of the Senate, Cobi, EDF, CeDePesca, among others	<a href="#">Agenda</a> (in Spanish)  <a href="#">Picture</a>
		Participation in 4 <sup>rd</sup> work session to elaborate law changes for Strengthening Participation in Fisheries Public Policy” (Barco Abierto) at the Mexican Senate	September 2017	CONAPESCA, Causa Natura Fisheries Commission of the Senate, Cobi, CeDePesca, among others	<a href="#">Picture</a>  <a href="#">Link to Barco Abierto</a>
		Participation on the Introduction Workshop of Right Based Fisheries Management organized by EDF.	October 2017	EDF Fishing authorities Fishermen CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
		Participation at the Latin America FIP Community of Practice Workshop presenting “The Mexican grouper case at the Latin America FIP Community”	November 2017	Authorities ONG’s Fishermen CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture 1</a> <a href="#">Picture 2</a>
		Virtual interview organized by the National Agricultural Council to analyze fisheries in order to develop a proposal of a public policy model.	November 2017	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Invitation</a>
		Development of the Project “Strengthening the Management of the Grouper Fishery and Associated Species at Yucatan and Quintana Roo” 70 events, participation of 1241 fishermen.	December 2017-June 2018	CeDePesca Conapesca Fubigemar	<a href="#">Fish poster watermark</a> <a href="#">Workshops report</a> <a href="#">with pics</a>

		Formation of the “Committee of Sustainable Management of the Grouper Fishery” 12 meetings held in this period, discussions to solve fisheries problems and improve fisheries sustainability,	December 2017-April 2019	CRIAPY Conapesca SEPASY Representants of artisanal and industrial sector SEMAR CeDePesca EDF Special guests (Authorities, stakeholders)	<a href="#">Bulletin no. 1 Report of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting</a> 12 meetings held in this period, discussions to solve fisheries problems and improve fisheries sustainability. Confidential meetings.
		"Meeting of the Legislative Power with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) dedicated to Fisheries and Aquaculture issues" in the Senate of the Republic.	February, 2018	Senators and Deputies from the Fisheries and Aquaculture Committee (LXIII) Cobi Causa Natura National Stakeholders CeDePesca among others.	<a href="#">Legislative-OSCs Public Report (elaborated by organizers)</a>
		Participation of CeDePesca in the Initiative “Collective Impact for the fishing and aquaculture mexican sectors” (ICPMX)	July 2018- up to date	ICPMX National Stakeholders, CeDePesca among them	<a href="#">ICPMX pronouncement</a>
		CeDePesca comments to the draft of the “Rule for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Law”	August 2018	CeDePesca	<a href="#">Comments to Rule</a>
		Co-organizer of the Workshop: “Joining efforts for the grouper: science, participation and management”	March 2019	INAPESCA, SEPASY Universities and Research Centers Yucatan fisheries organizations EDF CeDePesca	<a href="#">Preliminary report</a>
		Establishment of the “State Fisheries Council”	April 2019	CONAPESCA INAPESCA SEPASY Local leaders Some FIP Partners	<a href="#">Por Eso - Media report</a>
<b>FIP is delivering improvement in policies or practices (Stage 4)</b>	<b>Fishery practices are changing</b>	Fisheries Management Nautical Committees (Comité Náutico de Ordenamiento Pesquero) were re-established in coastal communities	October-December 2015	Local communities, Federal, State and Municipal officials	<a href="#">ProgresoHoy - Media report</a> (look towards the end of the article)
		Workshops for the fishermen of Chicxulub Port	January-March 2016	Chicxulub fishers CeDePesca	<a href="#">Picture</a>



<p><b>FIP is delivering improvement in policies or practices (Stage 4)</b></p> <p><b>CONTINUED</b></p>		- Improving Fisheries Practices			
		Data collection activities promoted by the FIP are taking place in Sisal and Chicxulub Port with the participation of fishers.	May 2016- April 2017	Chicxulub fishers FIP Partners CeDePesca	
		Data collection activities promoted by the FIP are taking place in Progreso and Chicxulub Port	June 2017- September 2017	FIP Partners CeDePesca	
		Data collection activities promoted by the FIP are taking place by some of our partners	2017-up to date	FIP Partners CeDePesca	
	<b>Fishery policies are changing</b>	Publication in the Official Mexican Government Law Journal of the "Plan de Manejo Pesquero de Mero ( <i>Epinephelus morio</i> ) y especies asociadas" (Official management document for Grouper and associated species)	November 2014	INAPESCA, CONAPESCA, local leaders, Grouper Committee (Comité Sistema Producto Mero)	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin - 25 Nov 2014</a>
	<b>Fishery policies are changing</b>	CONAPESCA increases the fishing closure season from one to two months (from February 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31 <sup>st</sup> ) as of 2016.	February 2015	CONAPESCA	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin - 24 Feb 2015</a>
	<b>CONTINUED</b>	Draft Management Plan is issued by CONAPESCA ("Ordenamiento Pesquero de Mero en la Península de Yucatan")	January 2016	CONAPESCA	<a href="#">SAGARPA - Draft Management Plan</a> (URL no longer available)  <a href="#">SAGARPA - Draft Management Plan</a>
		CONAPESCA modifies the 2016 fishing closure season dividing it into two periods (from February 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 11 <sup>th</sup> and a second period from December 15 <sup>th</sup> to January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2017)	March 2016	CONAPESCA	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin - 11 Mar 2016</a>
		CONAPESCA again modifies the 2016 fishing season, this time eliminating the second closure period	December 2016	CONAPESCA	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin – 16 Dec 2016</a> (in Spanish)
		CONAPESCA modifies fishing closure, expanding the closure area	March 2017	CONAPESCA	<a href="#">Mexican Official Bulletin – 03 Mar 2017</a> (in Spanish)
	Formation of the Committee of Sustainable Management of the Grouper Fishery	December 2017	CONAPESCA INAPESCA Local leaders	<a href="#">Bulletin no. 1</a>	