

Vietnam swordfish Handline FIP Progress Update

May 2023 - Activities in the last quarter are highlighted

Results / FIP stage	Indicator of success	Specific Details	Date achieved	List of Suppliers/ Organization	Source
FIP is launched (Stage 1)	Sustainability evaluation is publicly available	MSC PA report conducted by MRAG is made available to the public	May 2018	Sea Delight CeDePesca	MSC Pre-Assessment
	Fisheries improvement recommendations publicly available	Improvement recommendations are publicly available	May 2018	CeDePesca	Current improvement recommendations
FIP is formed (Stage 2)	Suppliers are organized	Framework Agreement signed	July 2018	Sea Delight CeDePesca	Framework Agreement
		Addendum N1 signed	October 2018	Sea Delight CeDePesca	Addendum N1
		Specific Agreement N1 is signed welcoming Hong Ngoc Seafood	June 2019	Sea Delight Hong Ngoc Seafood CeDePesca	Specific Agreement N1
	Workplan is available	Draft action plan is made available for stakeholders comment	May 2018	Sea Delight CeDePesca	Draft Action Plan
		Detailed Action Plan is agreed by FIP partners	November 2018 <i>revised</i> February 2019	Sea Delight CeDePesca	Current Action Plan 2018-2022
		FIP Action Plan is formally adopted by FIP partners	June 2019	Sea Delight Hong Ngoc Seafood CeDePesca	Specific Agreement N1 (see pages 3 and 4)
FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)	FIP partners are engaging regulators	Attendance to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) annual meeting	December 2018	Sea Delight	Address from the floor
		Letter submitted to the WCPFC highlighting the need for management improvements	December 2018	Sea Delight	Letter to the WCPFC
		Letter submitted to the Northern Committee of the WCPFC suggesting improvements to the USA harvest strategy proposal	August 2019	CeDePesca	Letter to the WCPFC (2019 Aug 31)
		Letter submitted to the Northern Committee of the WCPFC supporting the harvest strategy	September 2019	Sea Delight CeDePesca Other stakeholders	Letter to the WCPFC (2019 Sep 01)

FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3) CONTINUED		proposal by the USA delegation.			
	FIP is achieving its milestones	Meeting with fishers and local authorities in Khanh Hoa Province to raise awareness of the FIP and invite fishers to be part of data collection efforts	December 2018	Sea Delight	PowerPoint presentation
		The “Crew Observer Photographic Protocol Application (COPPA)” has been designed and tested in devices	December 2018 - February 2019	Sea Delight Vietnam Tuna Association (VINATUNA)	Press release
		First trial at sea of the COPPA app took place in Khan Hoa province. Some setting issues have been identified and solved.	May 2019 - June 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA	Press release (May 24 th , 2019)
		Second trial at sea of the COPPA app and the new VMS set up by VINATUNA for the C-hook distribution and research program have begun with two vessels in Khan Hoa.	June 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA	Press release (June 21 st , 2019)
		Meeting with fishers and local authorities in Binh Dinh Province to raise awareness of the FIP and invite fishers to be part of data collection efforts	June 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA WWF Vietnam	Press release (June 21 st , 2019)
		FIP partners draft suggested roadmap to a fishery management plan	September 2019	Sea Delight CeDePesca	Suggested roadmap
		Third trial at sea of the COPPA app in Nha Trang (Khan Hoa province)	September 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA	Press release (Sept 31 st , 2019)
		VINATUNA and Sea Delight agree on swordfish traceability system proposal	September 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA	Press release (Sept 31 st , 2019)

FIP is delivering improvements in fishery policies and/or practices (Stage 4)	Fishery practices are changing	The COPPA app is in its at-sea trial phase with participation of fishers.	May 2019 - September 2019	Sea Delight VINATUNA	Press release N°1 (May 24 th , 2019) Press release N°2 (June 21 st , 2019) Press release (Sept 31 st , 2019)
	Fishery policies are changing	Vietnam issued a mandatory catch certificate that all swordfish/tuna vessels must complete and submit to local D-Fish in order to unload and sell their products. This certificate is being used to inform WCPFC on catch data.	October 2018	Vietnam Government	
		Vietnam fishing authorities are making progress towards implementation of the Vessel Monitoring system	October 2019	Vietnam Government	SpaceNewsFeed - News report (Oct 24 th , 2019)
Improvements on the Water (Stage 5)	Demonstrated improvements on the water documented.	Final WCPFC16 summary report containing the harvest strategy for the North Pacific swordfish stock.	April 2020	Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	Final WCPFC16 summary report containing the harvest strategy for the North Pacific swordfish stock. (See PDF page 77 item 404 and Attachment K.)