

ARGENTINA FLATHEAD – BOTTOM TRAWL FIP
ADDENDUM Nº 3 to the FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND SPECIFIC AGREEMENT Nº1

This Addendum to the Framework Agreement is entered into by the **Industrias Santa María del Mar S.R.L.**, hereinafter referred as Industrias Santa María Del Mar, with domicile in Calle 5 y 6, Parque Industrial Gral. Savio, Batán, 7600 Mar del Plata, República Argentina, represented by Elvio Andrés Castagnola; and **Centro Desarrollo y Pesca Sustentable**, hereinafter referred to as CeDePesca, with domicile in Edificio Jardines de Vista Hermosa, PB-F, Panama City, Panama, represented by Ernesto Godelman. The Addendum is written within the context provided by the Framework Agreement signed on 28 October 2023 by Simplot Australia Pty. Ltd., Pacific West Foods Australia Pty. Ltd. And CeDePesca.

First: Industrias Santa María Del Mar accepts all conditions set for the successful execution of the Argentina flathead – bottom trawl FIP, as described in the Framework Agreement and Specific Agreements signed to date.

Second: Pursuant to Clause Sixth of the Framework Agreement related to the admission of new FIP partners, CeDePesca, on behalf of the current FIP partners, welcomes Industrias Santa María Del Mar to the Argentina flathead – bottom trawl FIP as FIP partners.

Third: Industrias Santa María Del Mar acknowledges that a Prospective FIP (FIP Stages 0-2) was completed by Simplot and CeDePesca to identify the improvement needs of the fisheries and to design the FIP Action Plan that was subsequently adopted by Simplot, Pacific West and CeDePesca through Specific Agreement N1 signed on 28 October 2023.

Fourth: In order to contribute to the implementation of the activities set in the FIP Action Plan for Year 1, Industrias Santa María Del Mar agrees to make a financial contribution corresponding an amount of [REDACTED] per tonne ordered, shipped and fully paid by the Australian partners of the FIP, or the companies designated by them, to Industrias Santa María Del Mar.

Fifth: Industrias Santa María Del Mar will make the contributions to Cedepesca, after receiving an invoice in US dollars for the amounts communicated by the partners. CeDePesca will prepare a complete semi-annual report on the movements and use of the funds provided.

This Addendum to the Framework Agreement and Specific Agreement Nr 1 is signed in originals of equivalent legal value.

Agreed by:

On behalf of
Industrias Santa María del Mar S.R.L.

Elvio Andres Castagnola

Elvio Andrés Castagnola
Socio Gerente

On behalf of
CeDePesca

Ernesto Godelman

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Executive Director

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ANNEX 1

The Argentina flathead bottom trawl fishery has been pre-assessed against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standard. The MSC pre-assessment (MSC PA) was conducted by CeDePesca under commission by Simplot Australia Ltd Pty, in virtue of a Memorandum of Understanding signed on 20 July 2022. Based on the information available and feedback provided by fishery stakeholders, the assessment team concluded that the Argentina flathead bottom trawl fishery does not currently meet the MSC standard.

Based on the main results of the MSC PA and the recommendations issued for performance indicators to reach scores equal or above 80 points, CeDePesca recommended setting up a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) to address all sustainability issues. The FIP will target the flathead stock north of 39°S, exploited within the Argentina-Uruguay Common Fishing Zone (ZCPAU) and in Argentina waters under the jurisdiction of the province of Buenos Aires.

The Argentina flathead bottom trawl FIP has as its main objective to achieve the fishery's certifiable status against the Marine Stewardship Council standard in a time frame of five years. FIP partners acknowledge that the implementation period might need to be extended, depending on the rate of progress on the ground, and any extensions will be discussed and agreed upon in a timely fashion.

During the duration of the 5-yr Action Plan, the specific objectives of the FIP will be:

1. Ensure the adoption of stock-specific target and limit reference points.
2. Achieve the adoption of a well-defined harvest control rule that explicitly aims at keeping the stock fluctuating around its target reference point.
3. Strengthen the consultation process within the Joint Technical Commission for the Argentine-Uruguayan Maritime Front (CTMFM) by improving private sector stakeholder involvement in the process.
4. Ensure that data is collected on the impacts of the fishery on other ecosystem components, in quantity and quality sufficient to conduct regular risk analyses. The analyses shall be conducted every two years and will estimate the risk that the fisheries pose to other components of the ecosystem (secondary species, ETP species and habitats).
5. Conduct bottom-up processes to issue ecosystem-related management recommendations, and adopt voluntary measures, if deemed necessary.
6. Ensure compliance with the CASS guidelines for the implementation of FIPs, including social requirements.

The FIP Action Plan presented below is designed to be carried out by FIP partners in its majority, but it will require the participation of external stakeholders, especially INIDEP, the CTMFM, the Secretariat of Fisheries of the province of Buenos Aires, and vessel owner organizations in several tasks. While the FIP Action Plan is considered to be conservative in its time estimates, those tasks that require the adoption of measures by fishing management entities might take a longer or shorter time to complete, depending on the political will of government officials and the capacity of the institutions to take concrete action. The fact that there are already MSC-certified fisheries in Argentina is considered to be an advantage for this FIP.

FIP partners are aware that after three years of publishing a FIP profile in the FisheryProgress platform, the guidelines of the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions require an external evaluation of the project. The FIP Evaluation should be carried out by a third party independent from the project.


Timetable – Action Plan

Argentina-Uruguay Common Fishing Zone Brazilian flathead FIP	MSC Performance Indicators	Basic Entities Involved	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4				Year 5				
			Q01	Q02	Q03	Q04	Q01	Q02	Q03	Q04	Q01	Q02	Q03	Q04	Q01	Q02	Q03	Q04	Q01	Q02	Q03	Q04	
FIP Action Plan updated by CeDePesca 08 July 2023																							
Action 1. Promoting improvements in the fishery's management and research systems																							
Task 1.1. Promote the estimation and adoption of non-generic Target and Limit Reference Points (TRP and LRP) specific to the Brazilian flathead stock north of parallel 39°S.	1.2.2, 1.2.4, 3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4	INIDEP Grupo de trabajo (CTMFM) CeDePesca																					
Task 1.2. Achieve the formalization of the fishery harvest control rules, so that these explicitly aim at keeping the stock fluctuating around its TRP and at ensuring that the exploitation rate is reduced as the stock comes near its LRP.		INIDEP Grupo de trabajo (CTMFM) CeDePesca																					
Task 1.3. Promote the creation of a Stakeholder Commission for the fishery in the context of the Joint Technical Commission for the Maritime Front (CTMFM) with the participation of stakeholders in the fishing sector to strengthen the consultation process of this regional management organization.		CTMFM CeDePesca																					
Task 1.4. Promote the definition of a Management Plan (or proxy) for the Brazilian flathead fishery, including explicit objectives related to the sustainability of the fishery and its interaction with other ecosystem components.		CTMFM CFP CeDePesca																					
Task 1.5. Request the elaboration of a document with the history of compliance with management measures, including sanctions related to at sea and inland operations, and promote the publication of regular reports on control and surveillance of fishery activities.		SAGPyA BsAs Fisheries Department CeDePesca																					
Task 1.6. Promote the formalization of a regular external revision of the effectiveness of the fishery-specific management system.		CTMFM CFP CeDePesca																					
Action 2. Improving the knowledge about the impacts of the fishery on other ecosystem components.																							
Task 2.1. Design a Private Onboard Observer Program (POP) and consider the possibility of implementing an Electronic Monitoring Program for the fishery.	2.3.1., 2.3.2., 2.3.3., 2.4.1., 2.4.2., 2.4.3., 2.5.1., 2.5.2., 2.5.3.	FIP partners CeDePesca																					
Task 2.2. Implementing the POP and/or the Electronic Monitoring Program for the fishery, collecting data onboard on the interaction with in-scope and out-of-scope species, ETP species, and habitats.		FIP partners CeDePesca																					
Task 2.3. Produce technical reports using the data collected by the POP in order to characterize the interaction of the fishery with other ecosystem components.		CeDePesca																					
Task 2.4. Conduct a Consequence Spatial Analysis (CSA) to assess the risk posed by the fishery to the most encountered habitats.		CeDePesca																					
Task 2.5. Ensure that FIP partners, fishing crews and other interested stakeholders are informed on the objectives of the POP and its development.		FIP partners CeDePesca																					
Action 3. Promoting improvements in fishing practices and in the management of fishery impacts on other ecosystem components.																							
Task 3.1. Conduct capacity-building workshops for crew members in relation to the identification of, and data collection on, ETP species interacting with the fishing fleet.	2.3.1., 2.3.2., 2.3.3., 2.4.1., 2.4.2., 2.4.3., 2.5.1., 2.5.2., 2.5.3.	FIP partners CeDePesca																					
Task 3.2. Conduct awareness workshops for fishing crews in relation to sustainable fishing and promote the adoption of good fishing practices. The workshops will be geared considering the main issues identified through the implementation of the POP.		FIP partners CeDePesca																					
Task 3.3. Promoting the adoption of mitigation measures and/or changes in fishing practices in light of the data collected by the POP and the results of risk analyses.		FIP partners CeDePesca																					

Timetable – Action Plan (Continuation)

Argentina-Uruguay Common Fishing Zone Brazilian flathead FIP	MSC Performance Indicators	Basic Entities Involved	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4				Year 5			
			001	002	003	004	001	002	003	004	001	002	003	004	001	002	003	004	001	002	003	004
FIP Action Plan updated by CeDePesca 08 July 2023																						
COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS																						
A. Ensuring compliance with the CASS guidelines for the implementation of FIPs.																						
Task A.1. Create a list of the vessel associated with the FIP.	N/A	CeDePesca																				
Task A.2. Conduct a self-evaluation against four pre-determined criteria for high social risk.		CeDePesca																				
Task A.3. Ensure the existence of a Policy Statement on Human Rights and Social Responsibility applicable to the fishers in the FIP.		CeDePesca																				
Task A.4. Obtain information required to demonstrate the existence of grievance and remediation mechanisms which are available to all fishers associated to the FIP.		CeDePesca																				
Task A.5. In case it is necessary, coordinate with FIP partners and/or with social organizations to raise awareness of fishers in relation to the existence of policies on human rights and social responsibility and grievance mechanisms.		CeDePesca																				
Task A.6. Hire a 3-yr FIP evaluation to be conducted by an external, independent third party and share its results with FIP partners and in the FIP profile at FisheryProgress.org		CeDePesca																				
B. Disseminating the advance of the FIP among FIP partners and other stakeholders.																						
Task B.1. Create a full FIP profile at FisheryProgress.org and provide biannual updates.	N/A	CeDePesca																				
Task B.2. Create a Public Report at CeDePesca's website and provide biannual updates.		CeDePesca																				
Task B.3. Disseminate the advance of the FIP in international events, workshops, exhibitions, and other events of interest to FIP partners.		FIP partners CeDePesca																				
Task B.4. Keep the FIP partners up to date in regards to activities developed in the context of the project and promote their participation as required.		FIP partners CeDePesca																				
Task B.5. Draft and present annual progress reports to FIP partners.		CeDePesca																				



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