## Honduras Caribbean spiny lobster – trap FIP. Progress Update

January 2026 - CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITIES APPEAR IN BLUE THROUGHOUT THE TABLE

| Results/ FIP Stage | Indicator of Success | Specific Details | Date Achieved | Entity in charge | Source |
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| **FIP is launched (Stage 1)** | **Sustainability evaluation is publicly available** | Fishery assessment made public | September 2011 | WWF | Honduras Caribbean Spiny Lobster Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Pre Assessment |
| **FIP is formed (Stage 2)** | **Suppliers are organized** | Confirmation of project participants | June 2011 | WWF | https://seafoodsustainability.org/portfolio/honduras-lobster/ |
| | | Workplan made public | August 2024 | ECOS | "Honduras Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*) using Traps" Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) Workplan |
| **FIP is encouraging improvements (Stage 3)** | **FIP is achieving its milestones** | Course-workshop "Evaluation of the Honduras lobster resource using the SAC Tool method based on Stock Synthesis" | June 2025 | WWF | Summary report |
| | | The Honduran Directorate General of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DIGEPESCA) issued a mandatory notice stating that no cargo vessel is authorized to transport spiny lobster without a properly issued and signed "Traceability Guide of Origin and Transport" by regional DIGEPESCA offices, and emphasized that every vessel must hold a valid license to transport fishery products to avoid serious legal consequences. | July 2025 | DIGEPESCA | Report |

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| **Improvements in Fishing Practices and Fishery Management (Stage 4)** | **Fishery practices are improving** | DIGEPESCA has issued SAG Decree 86-2025, which establishes new requirements for the disposal of traps at the end of the fishing season. The decree prohibits depositing or accumulating traps in the Miskito Cays, and if the origin of a trap is verified, an administrative procedure for IUU fishing will be initiated. | June 2025 | DIGIPESCA | SAG Decree 86-2025 |
| **Improvements on the Water (Stage 5)** | **Verifiable improvement on the water** | Increase in BMT scores for PIs: 2.4.1 (habitat outcome). The impacts of the fishery on critical habitats (coral reefs and seagrasses) was determined. | March 2017 | WWF | Evaluación del riesgo de impacto de la nasa sobre los hábitats en Honduras mediante la aplicación del método Consequence Scale Analysis (CSA) del Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). |