

COMPLETED Bahamas spiny lobster - trap/casita

Overview

FIP Description

The Bahamas spiny lobster fishery exports the majority of its product to the United States and Europe for an estimated \$80 million dollars. Thousands of Bahamians earn a livelihood fishing for lobster on a full or part-time basis. Critical issues challenging this fishery include the following: government capacity to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; adopting a harvest strategy; reviewing management performance; and collecting reliable spatial catch data. The active involvement of FIP stakeholders, including the Bahamas Marine Exporters Association (BMEA), the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), as well as other FIP Participants, drives improvements against the Marine Stewardship Council standard.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.



Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
50%	0%	50%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

The objective of the Bahamas spiny lobster FIP is to move the fishery in a step-wise approach towards Marine

Stewardship Council (MSC) certification by 2016. This FIP entered MSC full assessment in January 2017. See the fishery's [MSC site](#) for additional information.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2010 -

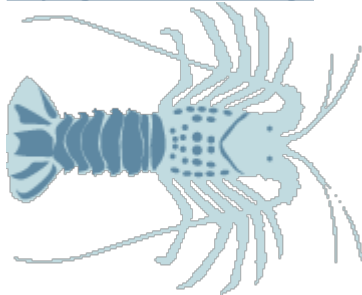
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Species**Common Name**

Spiny Lobster (Caribbean)

Scientific Name

Panulirus argus

[Buying Guide Link Image](#)

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Gear Type

[Casita/Condominium](#)

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 31 \(Atlantic, Western Central\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Bahamas (the)

Estimated Total FIP Landings

2835 metric tons

FIP Leads**Organization Name**

World Wildlife Fund

Organization Type

NGO

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